

Portfolio £22,000 to be won

Today's Times Portfolio prizes total £22,000 - £20,000 in the weekly competition, plus £2,000 in the daily. There were three winners in yesterday's daily competition. Mr Francis Cannon of Worcester Park, Surrey, Dr Jerry Kolankiewicz of Wivenhoe, Essex and Miss Ursula McMullan of London each received £1,333. Portfolio list, page 30; weekly prize list, information service, back page.

Reagan to visit Nazi camp

In an embarrassing anti-turn, the White House announced that President Reagan will, after all, pay a visit to the former Bergen-Belsen concentration camp during his state visit to West Germany next month. Afterwards he will lay a wreath honouring German war dead at the Bitburg military cemetery. Full report, back page.

Schools' hopes

Hopes for peace in the teachers' pay dispute rose last night when employers said they were ready to reopen negotiations and teachers welcomed the move. Page 2

Bomb suspects

Police believe Middle East terrorists may have been responsible for last year's Heathrow luggage bomb explosion which was originally thought to have been set up by the Libyans. Page 2

Spy chief jailed

The head of Taiwan's military intelligence bureau has been sentenced to life imprisonment for plotting the murder of a dissident writer in California. Page 5

Warsaw plea

Lawyers for four former Polish security policemen convicted of murdering the pro-Solidarity priest Father Jerzy Popieluszko urged the Warsaw Supreme Court to order their retrial. Page 5

Caution on jobs

Leading Tories are cautious in their response to a forecast by Mr John Biffen, leader of the Commons, that unemployment would fall before the next election. Page 2

Shuttle back

The space shuttle Discovery returned to Earth with a damaged wing and one of its tyres blew as it came to a stop. Page 6

Poison fears

Rampton high security hospital is under 24-hour guard after hospital officials were told he planned to kill staff members and himself with smuggled poison. Page 3

Spanish purge

Señor Santiago Carrillo who has been ousted from the Spanish Communist Party of which he was secretary-general for 23 years. Page 6

Lotus set pace

The John Player Team Lotus drivers, Ayrton Senna and Elio de Angelis, recorded the two fastest times in the first practice session for the Portuguese Grand Prix tomorrow. Page 31

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A former naval officer who took part in South Pacific atom tests and died from cancer, died from natural causes, an inquest jury decided. Page 3

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US policy 'grievously mistaken' says Lawson

● Inflation jumped to 6.1 per cent last month, the highest level since late 1982, and ahead of the Government's forecast.

● National Westminster and Lloyds bank cut their base rates from 13 per cent to 12½ per cent. Midland and Barclays retained base rates at 12½ per cent.

● In Washington, the Chancellor said he expected British interest rates to go lower, but feared American interest rates would rise.

By Sarah Hogg and Peter Wilson-Smith in London and David Smith in Washington

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, has sharpened the economic quarrel between Britain and the United States by attacking American policy on the day that British inflation jumped to the highest level for nearly two-and-a-half years.

Mr Lawson claimed yesterday that American budgetary policy was "grievously mistaken", and that finance ministers meeting in Washington had given "unequivocal endorsement" to the kind of economic policy pursued by the British Government.

In London, Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Employment, blamed part of the rise in inflation - which jumped to 6.1 per cent in the year to March, from 5.4 per cent in February - on the sharp fall in the pound against the dollar in January and the resulting rise in British interest rates.

He admitted this increase in inflation had come "sooner than previously expected" and gave a warning that the April figure might be even higher. However, Mr King argued that inflation would then fall again because of the pound's recovery against the dollar and the decline in interest rates, and claimed the Government would still meet its forecast of 5 per cent inflation by the end of the year.

Interest rates inched down again yesterday as two high street banks lowered their base rates. National Westminster and Lloyds Bank cut their rates to 12½ per cent, leapfrogging Barclays and Midland, whose rates remain at 12½ per cent. The Bank of England applied the brakes against a bigger drop in rates, and the building societies said bank base rates would have to drop to 12 per cent before they would consider cutting mortgage rates.

The Confederation of British Industry, while welcoming the cut in base rates, said that real interest rates were still the highest for more than 60 years and further reductions were

needed. Mr Roy Hattersley, the Shadow Chancellor said the rise in inflation was "clearly the product of the Chancellor's mishandling of the economy" and that no-one could now believe Mrs Thatcher's recent claim that inflation would fall to 3 per cent during the next two-and-a-half years.

Mr Ian Wigglesworth, the SDP economic spokesman, said that the rise in inflation was a "major setback" for the Chancellor, and that he should be encouraging interest rates to come down "to keep the crippling burden off industry". In Washington, Mr Lawson said he would expect interest rates to go lower "during the course of this year". In contrast, he feared that American interest rates would rise as the dollar fell. Despite its recent fall, Mr Lawson said, the dollar "is still high" and that among the international gathering of finance ministers "nobody would be at all upset if it were to go down further".

Lawson described American Budgetary policy as "out of kilter", and urged the Reagan Administration to consider raising taxes. He warned that the Americans "may find difficulty in sucking in savings from the rest of the world" without raising interest rates.

Figures were also released in London "showing that British industry" and commerce invested a record £4.6 billion net abroad last year, most significantly in the United States.

However, this was while the American economy was still growing rapidly, and Mr Lawson was speaking in Washington after new estimates that the American growth rate had slowed to 1.3 per cent this year had triggered further dollar weakness.

This helped the pound to remain fairly steady yesterday. Continued on back page, col 6

IMF seeks selective debt restructuring

From Bailey Morris and David Smith, Washington

World finance ministers concluded three days of talks yesterday with a firm commitment to ease the burden of debtor nations by pressing for multi-year reschedulings of both commercial and official debt estimated at between \$500 billion and \$800 billion.

The rescheduling, designed to give developing countries breathing room to revive their flagging economies, would be negotiated selectively but would include, for the first time, multi-year agreement on official debts. The future role of the World Bank was also an important focus at the meetings.

Industrialized nations turned a deaf ear to the appeals of debtor nations for greater financial support by voting against proposals to increase the resources of the International Monetary Fund with another allocation of funds and the world bank with a new general capital increase.

The main thrust of the joint meeting of the bank and the IMF was to find new ways to improve trade and investment flows to debtor nations without increasing official aid.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, said it was important, in this context, to view the meeting as an important part of a process which would be completed at the Bonn economic summit of world leaders next month.

In a final communique, the IMF's interim committee supported the initiative to restructure official debts which it cited as a key component of the West's strategy to support the adjustment efforts of debtor nations.

"We welcome the intention of the Paris club to consider in particular cases, multi-year rescheduling in close co-operation with the fund, where debtor countries have a proven record and continuing prospects of sound adjustment."

The committee urged industrial countries to support the vital trade link to developing nations by resuming exports credit cover subject to standard national policies and in cases where it warranted.

Mr Lawson said Britain has been in the forefront in this area by taking early steps to resume

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The Prince and Princess of Wales arriving in Sardinia yesterday at the start of their Italian tour. They have an opera date in Milan tonight. The visit ends on May 5.

Electric fence for Chelsea FC

Chelsea are to become the first British football club to put up electric fencing in an effort to combat hooliganism.

It will be completed in time for the fixture with Tottenham Hotspur at Stamford Bridge on April 27.

Mr Ken Bates, the Chelsea FC chairman said last night: "It will be a single strand of electric wire of the type used on farms to control cattle. It will be above three strands of barbed wire, and will be situated 11ft above the ground."

"We don't intend to keep on building higher and higher fences, and we think that this is the ultimate deterrent. People may howl about it being dangerous but it's been used in farming for a long time," he said.

"If you touch it you get a shock which will make you shoot off it. There will be appropriate warning signs around the ground. I expect the vast majority of our fans, who are good, law-abiding citizens, will be 100 per cent in favour of it."

"The only adverse reaction will come from people who like to climb fences, but these are the people we don't want at our club," Mr Bates added.

Chelsea were instructed by the Football Association to make ground improvements costing around £40,000, after hooligans invaded the pitch during the Milk Cup semi-final against Sunderland on March 4.

"All the seats which were smashed in the members enclosure have now been replaced with concrete benches," a club spokesman said. "And the seat backs which were thrown in the lower tier of the east stand have been replaced with an iron bar, as a temporary measure."

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Drugs Bill passed

The Bill increasing the maximum penalty for hard drug trafficking from 14 years to life completed its passage through the Commons yesterday, one of seven backbench Bills sent to the House of Lords.

Mr David Mellor, junior Home Office minister just back

from a visit to the United States to study drug problems, faced complaints that the Bill contained nothing to enable courts to seize the assets of jailed drug dealers. He said he was determined to make progress on the confiscation of profits.

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Five killed in new Cape violence

From Ray Kennedy Johannesburg

Black unrest in the Eastern Cape has reached new heights of savagery with at least five people killed in the past 24 hours, three of them it is claimed, in a police ambush.

Yesterday a young white man was gravely ill in hospital with 90 per cent burns after he was dragged from a car by a mob in a white area of Uitenhage, doused with petrol and set alight.

Police said they had discovered the charred bodies of two black men after they dismantled a blazing street barricade in KwaZakhe township near Port Elizabeth.

Resident in the black township at Despatch, near Port Elizabeth, said police hiding under a pile of leaves in the back of a municipal refuse truck opened fire on a crowd of about 50 people, killing three and injuring four others.

Police say they opened fire with shotguns on 250 people who surrounded their vehicle and were spraying it with petrol.

Hundreds of youths in Soweto, outside Johannesburg, went on a rampage of stoning and arson yesterday. Police said stoning incidents had also occurred on the East Rand, and in black townships near Bloemfontein in the Orange Free State and Uptown in the Northern Cape Province.

A spokesman at police headquarters in Pretoria said: "It would appear that negotiations, with these people is impossible as they continue to commit senseless acts of violence against all and sundry."

Meanwhile, Mr Adrian Vlok, the Deputy Defence Minister, has called for reports of an incident in Langa when a patrol of soldiers shot and killed

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Post dispute has trapped 20m items of mail

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Britain's postal service was deteriorating rapidly last night as a series of lightning walkouts by 7,000 Post Office staff trapped more than 20 million pieces of mail and led to letter boxes being sealed in many parts of the country.

Post Office executives were anxiously monitoring the spreading of a dispute, which started in Northampton at the beginning of the week over payments for delivery of county council polling cards. Last night attempts were being made to arrange talks to settle the dispute with national officials of the Union of Communication Workers.

The union, which has spent the last few days trying unsuccessfully to contain the dispute, said that the situation was "very serious and looks as if it could get worse". It appeared that as the dispute spread from the south Midlands to sorting offices as far apart as London and Manchester, an important factor in the background was the new productivity package which the union negotiated with the management earlier this month.

Delegates to the union's annual conference next month are to be urged by union leaders to accept the package of extra short-time workers, the use of new technology and changes in working practices, but there has been strong criticism from some union branches which believe that the changes will lead to job losses.

The Post Office said last night that it had invited UCU national officials for talks to resolve this unnecessary dispute and it is possible that negotiations will be held over the weekend. The UCU's leadership had been hoping for a calm run-up to the vital policy-making conference, and a national official went to Northampton to try and get agreement on a return to work.

The spark for the dispute was a management proposal to change the system of payment for delivering the polling cards involving overtime being paid only if a postman had not finished delivering the cards at the end of his afternoon round at 1.30.

Union officials said the traditional method of agreeing overtime payments with branch officers before starting the delivery of the cards had been dropped on the instructions of the Midlands postal region. The Post Office claimed in return that the Northampton union officials had asked for £14 payments across the board for every 500 cards delivered.

Northamptonshire County Council last night took the undelivered cards back from the Post Office and was seeking to find other ways of ensuring that it met its statutory duty to deliver the cards to voters' homes. That action, said the management, removed the cause of the strike.

The dispute developed because the Post Office carried out its normal practice of diverting mail from Northampton to other offices where UCU members refused to handle the extra mail. They were suspended which led to sympathetic walkouts by other workers.

Some of those walkouts lasted only a few hours, but last night about 26 of the 176 sorting offices were effectively shut down by the dispute.

The mail offices affected were Milton Keynes, Bedford, Aylesbury (which was due to go back to work late last night), Luton, Hemel Hempstead, Stevenage, Cambridge, Brackley (Oxon), Hereford, Worcester, Northampton, Coventry, Peterborough, Leicester, Derby, Nottingham, Slough, Romford, London north-west district office, Preston and part of Manchester sorting office.

Apparently one reason why the dispute spread so quickly was that some big mail users in the Northampton area went outside the district to post their mail which was then "blackened" at sorting offices.

Two Courtaulds closures will cost 1,100 jobs

An MP and councillors in an unemployment hotspot launched a desperate bid to save 1,100 jobs last night after Courtaulds, the textile giant, announced it was closing two factories.

The plants are in north Wales, where nearly one in five of the workforce is unemployed. Courtaulds said it was closing its yarn manufacturing plant at Wrexham, with the loss of 510 jobs. This will push the town's 18 per cent unemployment rate to almost 20 per cent.

And 590 jobs will go when the company shuts its viscose plant at Greenfield near Flint, Clwyd, where the jobless rate is 19.2 per cent. Workers at both

factories have been given 90 days notice.

The news was a shock for the area, still recovering from the loss of 8,000 jobs when steel-making ended at Shotton five years ago. Wrexham's Labour MP, Dr John Marek, and local councillors want an urgent meeting with Courtaulds chairman Sir Christopher Hogg to discuss a rescue deal.

Dr Marek said: "These closures are a complete shock because after a slowdown operation about three years ago it was thought the worst was over."

Mr Barry Jones, Shadow Welsh Secretary, asked Mrs Thatcher to intervene.

Marathon go-slow by Londoners

By Michael Horsnell

Thousands of missing entrants to the London Marathon, which will be run tomorrow, were worrying the organizers of the event last night.

Despite appeals by Mr Chris Brasher, the race director, to the 22,000 competitors to register early only 10,000 had done so by 8pm.

By that time at least 12,000, mainly from London and the south-east, should have collected their numbers at the Festival Hall registration office.

The office will be open today from 9am until 5pm but only competitors from outside the south-east are supposed to register then and late-comers from within it arriving to register could bring chaos.

So far 1,500 competitors have notified the organizers of illness or injury and a final total of 4,000 withdrawals, bringing the field down to 18,000, is now expected.

Mr Ken Mays, the race spokesman, said: "It's a mystery to us why more competitors have not registered but it would be wrong to say the race will be hit or that preparations are in a shambles."

He added: "It's a shame because we had 80,000 applicants originally and had to turn so many down, people who would have given an arm and a leg to take part."

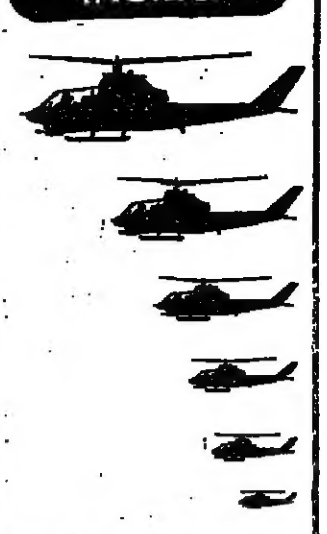
Mr Brasher said: "The marathon's success depends on a lot of things. It is a huge machine that needs full lubrication. This selfish attitude by London's runners has not helped in any way."

South-eastern competitors had been given three days to register for the race which starts from two points in Greenwich Park at 9.30 am on Sunday and ends 26-mile 385 yards later at Westminster Bridge.

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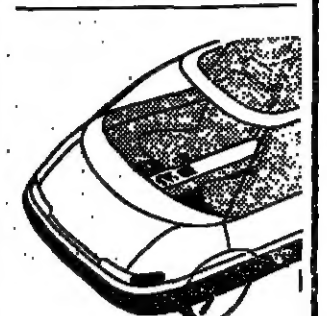
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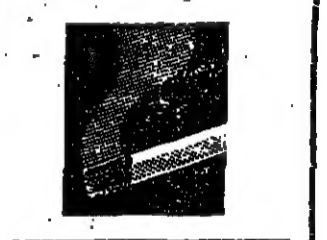
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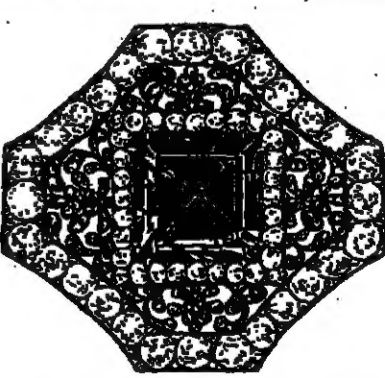
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Leading Tories show caution on Biffen's jobs forecast

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

A forecast by Mr John Biffen, leader of the Commons, that unemployment would fall by the next general election was approached with caution yesterday by his Cabinet colleagues.

Although his views were backed fully by some, notably Mr Patrick Jenkins, Secretary of State for the Environment, there was a marked reluctance on the part of ministers at the centre of the economic stage, and therefore more vulnerable to attack if the prediction fails, to support Mr Biffen.

It was even said on the Prime Minister's behalf that she did not know that Mr Biffen was going to make the forecast, contained in an open letter to the chairman of his constituency party, and that she was not in the business of forecasting.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, who was in the United States, avoided allying himself with the prediction in a BBC interview.

Mr Tom King, Secretary for Employment, said that no ministers, whether socialists in Italy and France, Christian

Democrats in Germany, Republicans in America or Conservatives in Britain could "honestly forecast precisely what will happen to employment."

But there was no such restraint from Mr Jenkins. He said that Britain was one of the few countries now achieving an increase in jobs but the number of people in the labour market had been increasing faster.

"It is only a matter of time before the increase in jobs overtakes the number of people seeking work," he said. "Then unemployment will come down. I shall be disappointed if we do not see that trend clearly shown before we go to the country at the next election."

Mr John Davidson, the Confederation of British Industry's Scottish director described the unemployment last night as the modern "black death." He challenged the view that more jobs could be created if workers took pay cuts.

"It is fashionable to assume that wage cuts would cut the

Support is claimed for pupil strike

By Colin Hughes

A group set up by the Labour Party's Young Socialist yesterday claimed that more than 100,000 pupils in 40 towns and cities will support its call for a national half-day school strike next Thursday.

The Youth Trade Union Rights Campaign says their strike call, which has embarrassed Labour leaders and the teacher unions, is to protest at "VOC Training Scheme" and to support the teachers in their pay dispute.

The group also says it will hold rallies and meetings of school pupils on Thursday which will elect delegates to a conference, to be held this summer, which will set up a new national union for school students. A spokesman yesterday said that the previous NUS existed only in name, and was effectively "defunct" as an organization.

The development will lend weight to fears already expressed by head teachers associations that continued school disruption will lead to a breakdown in pupil discipline. Mr John Evans, the Labour Party's employment spokesman, has already called the strike "an invitation to children to play truant."

Yesterday, however, the campaign's national secretary, Mr Tony Cox, said that the strike had been organized by "a better for school students" to get organized against the Tories and to peacefully lash out in riots.

Sporadic pupil demonstrations, in Hampshire, Bradford, Newcastle, and Scotland, have been mounting since the teachers' strikes began. On Thursday 200 pupils from Roughwood comprehensive in Kirby Misperton, sporadically walked out of lessons and ran round a council estate hanging on car roofs after copies of the campaign strike call leaflet had been distributed at the school.

A campaign spokesman said the largest support for its strike call was in Leeds, Liverpool, Cardiff, Bristol, Southampton, London, and Newcastle. The plan for a school pupils' union would be for five and sixth formers, and the strike would also be seeking a £30 grant for all 16-year-olds.

Running with computerized 'spring in the heel'



A running shoe electronically linked to a computer and developed by a British-born researcher, will soon hit the road in the United States.

Super Shoe (left) is the latest invention of the Puma Company based on a concept developed by Dr Peter Cavanagh (above), director of the company's biomechanics research group at Pennsylvania State University.

The shoe contains an electronic device in the heel. After a run the shoe can be plugged into a personal computer to produce data on the runner's time and the energy or calories expended. (Photograph of shoe: Ros Drinkwater)

Pope's TV message restored by BBC

By David Hewson

The Pope's Easter message is to be reinstated by BBC television after an extraordinary intervention by the corporation's board of governors into the dispute over its cancellation, two weeks ago.

The board has made a rare direct order to bring the message back on the air next Easter, after admitting that the cancellation of the broadcast, for the first time in nearly 30 years, was offensive to many people.

BBC's programme staff decided to drop the broadcast last year after it attracted an audience of 200,000 which they regarded as inadequate. Dropping the speech is thought to have saved the corporation £2,500.

The governors discussed the cancellation on Thursday after protests from the Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Basil Hume, and leading Roman Catholics, and ordered the message to be reinstated. While governors regularly comment on BBC programmes, it is extremely rare for them to direct corporation staff to take a specific decision on what should be broadcast.

In his letter to Cardinal Hume, Mr Stuart Young, chairman of the BBC, said that the governors had decided that the Easter message will be broadcast in full in future years. Cardinal Hume, replying to Mr Young, said: "I am on behalf of the Roman Catholic community to express our satisfaction at this decision. You know how much this means to us."

Roman Catholic bishops have this week agreed unanimously at a London conference in closed session, that Catholics should take part in an ecumenical programme planned for the next two years.

Employers' move in teachers' dispute

Teachers are optimistic that a better pay offer is on the way after last night's announcement that their employers were ready to reopen negotiations.

Mr Philip Merridale, the leader of the management panel, said that a full meeting of the Burnham Pay Negotiating Committee would be called soon.

He said management would seek beforehand "to ensure the maximum opportunity for progress exists."

Mr Merridale said: "The employers recognize that additional resources will be required from the Government."

Mr Fred Jarvis, the general secretary of the National Teachers' Union, said the move was being interpreted as "a willingness by the employers to make an improved offer."

"I trust that is what the employers intend," he said. "But since that is not made clear the teachers' panel will be meeting on Tuesday to consider the employers' move."

He said strike action by teachers in support of their pay claim would continue until an agreement was reached.

The teachers' pay dispute has been deadlocked since the unions rejected a 4 per cent pay offer.

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education, admitted yesterday that teachers' industrial action over pay was already causing "widespread damage" to children's education.

"It must be bitter for many teachers who intensely desire the children's good."

Firm to pay arms sales chief

By Henry Stanhope

Mr Colin Chandler, marketing director of the British Aerospace aircraft group, has been appointed as head of the Ministry of Defence's £3,000 million sales business for the next three years.

But he will cost the Government less than half the £95,000 salary which is being paid to follow industrialist Mr Peter Levene, who was made chief of defence procurement six months ago.

Mr Chandler, whose appointment was announced yesterday by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, began his career as an apprentice with the de Havilland company in 1956, after being educated at St Joseph's Academy, Blackheath, and Hatfield Polytechnic.

He went to Hawker Siddeley in 1961 as a contract officer and has moved steadily upwards through British Aerospace. Mr Chandler who is aged 45, married with one son and one daughter, has been seconded by British Aerospace, which will continue to pay his salary.

But the ministry will reimburse the company by paying it the Civil Service rate for the job, which is £39,250, plus £7,850 for his pensions and national insurance contribution.

Meacher condemns Press on tax review coverage

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Mr Michael Meacher yesterday condemned the Press, in particular *The Times* and the *Daily Express*, for its coverage of the tax and benefits system.

Labour's shadow health services spokesman said in the Channel Four Programme *A Week in Politics* that the Press had had a good week at his expense, and the Labour Party's policy paper.

"There had been the most appallingly inaccurate hostile

and malicious reporting of what actually is, I believe, a very sensible, reasonable and indeed the electoral terms, attractive proposal to take eight million people off means-tested supplementary dependence."

Mr Meacher named two journalists, Mr Anthony Bevis of *The Times* and Mr Peter Hitchens of the *Express* whom he said were absolutely determined at the press conference called to launch his paper "to make mischief, cause trouble, see it in terms of personalities, of splits, of rows."

Liberal club in £1.3m sale

The National Liberal Club, established in the 1880s, is to sell most of its premises to Thistle Hotels for £1,350,000 to safeguard its future and enable it to refurbish the historic club rooms (Our Property Correspondent writes).

The hotels group, which also owns the Horseguards Hotel next to the club in Whitehall Place, is also to spend about £5 million extending the hotel into the club to create a total of 398 bedrooms. Later it plans to provide leisure facilities costing up to £3 million.

TGWU election inquiry starts

An independent investigation into allegations of irregularities in voting in the Transport and General Workers' Union's largest region got underway yesterday when Mr John Garnett, director of the Industrial Society, inspected returns from last year's leadership election.

Mr Garnett was called in by the union to investigate the allegations by a former Kent convenor about the actions of Mr Sid Staden, TGWU regional secretary for London and the south-east. Mr Garnett's report will be presented to the union within the next ten days.

Dockyard protest

Workers at Rosyth dockyard, Fife, voted to stage a half-day stoppage from noon on Monday in protest at the Government's proposals to privatise the Polaris refitting base.

Water jobs cut

Three hundred of the 1,000 workers with Essex Water Company are being offered voluntary redundancy in a cost-cutting drive.

Picture prices find a level of their own

By Geraldine Norman, Sale room Correspondent

The picture market has moved into an era where there is no right price for a painting. At Christie's yesterday Colnaghi's paid £167,400 for "The Adoration of the Shepherds" by Gerrit van Honthorst, which had an estimated sale price of £30,000-£50,000. In the same sale a depiction of Dutch shipping at anchor in choppy seas by Aernout Smit from Lord Conington's collection was left unsold at £4,000 where Christie's had estimated £15,000 to £20,000.

While high prices were the exception in the London Old Master picture sale, Christie's in Scotland got the highest auction price in Scottish history when Sir Alfred Munnings' "The Saddling Paddock, Cheltenham March Meeting" of 1947 sold for £162,000 (estimate £60,000-£90,000). It was bought by the Fine Art Society for a foreign client.

Christie's had had the forethought to put the picture on exhibition at the Cheltenham racecourse on Gold Cup day this year, alerting punters to the possibility of buying so historic a work.

Christie's had managed to

Behind-the-scenes moves in record Mantegna sale

Some of the pre-sale fixing that shaped the world's most expensive picture auction began to emerge yesterday (Geraldine Norman writes).

Mr Tim Clifford, director of the National Gallery of Scotland in Edinburgh, disclosed that he had received a telephone call from Mr John Walshe, director of the J. Getty Museum in California two days before his purchase of Andrea Mantegna's "Adoration of the Magi" at Christie's for £2.1 million.

"He wanted to know how we planned to go about buying the picture, whether we were going to bid in the auction or go for an export stop and try to buy it after the sales," Mr Clifford said. "I told him that I didn't expect to know until just before the sale; he couldn't tell me his plans either."

The National Gallery of Scotland has, in fact, chosen the second course. It did not enter the bidding on the Mantegna on Thursday night but announced immediately after its investigation to try to raise the purchase price and prevent its export.

There was surprise yesterday that no other American museum had been in competition with the Getty. While it is

common practice in Britain for museums to refrain from bidding against each other, American museums, which are privately funded, often compete for rarities. On this occasion it appears that the richest museums sorted things out between them before the sale.

Mr Clifford was keen to underline that his interest in the Mantegna was long-standing, not a sudden decision to play museum politics. Mr James Holloway, assistant keeper of the Scottish Portrait Gallery, had first alerted him when the picture was removed from exhibition at the National Museum of Wales in February. He had written to Lord Northampton, the owner, to suggest a private treaty sale.

Mr Clifford said that he checked with the National Museum of Wales to be sure that they did not want to try for the Mantegna, and confirmed that the National Gallery in London was not interested.

If an export licence is refused, he intends to seek financial support. He has already had the experience of raising £1.8 million to buy a sixteenth century "Crucifixion" for Manchester City Art Gallery. That, to had been destined for the Getty.

Release of baron's papers 'next week'

By Michael Hornell

Princess Michael of Kent spent yesterday afternoon at the Badminton horse trials as documents expected to expose her father from his wartime association with Hitler's SS continued to arrive at Kensington Palace.

The papers have been sent by members of her family in Australia and are believed to show that an Allied De-Nazification court cleared the name

of Baron Gunther von Reibnitz who was expelled from the SS in 1944. Kensington Palace said the papers will not be released until next week when they will have been verified and translated.

The princess, accompanied by Prince Michael and friends, looked cheerful as she watched Olympic riders taking part in the closing stages of the dressage at Badminton.

Colonel Michael Farmer,

Princess Michael's press secretary, said: "The documents provided by Princess Michael of Kent on her TV interview on Tuesday are still being verified, authenticated and translated."

"In order to avoid further uncertainty about when they will be made public I should say now that these documents will be made public, but not before next week."

TV-am, which interviewed

Princess Michael after disclosures of her father's past, said yesterday that an investigation it has carried out suggests the documents were from the judgement from the Court of Appeals for Upper Bavaria for May 14, 1948.

Baron von Reibnitz is believed to have appealed against a court decision of April 24, 1947.

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Bank of Scotland Base Rate

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Hard drug dealers to get life

COMMONS

Mr David Mellor, Under-Secretary of State for the Home Office, said in the Commons he was determined to make progress on the confiscation of profits from drug traffickers.

It could not be done at the drop of a hat as it needed careful thought and the worst thing that could be done would be to rush into arrangements expected to be successful but only half thought out, he said shortly before the Controlled Drugs (Penalties) Bill, was given an unopposed third reading.

He hoped the Bill, which increases from 14 years to life the maximum term of imprisonment for unlawful production, supply or possession with intent to supply, of a class A drug, like heroin or cocaine, would speedily become law, but he did not regard it as the last word on the matter. He regarded it as a crucial contribution to the efforts being made to get on top of the drug menace.

People would merit life imprisonment where there was a large quantity of drugs and they clearly had a lot of money. Even without parole, on the present 14 year sentence, traffickers could be out in 10 years, which they might consider

worthwhile if they had £1 million stashed away.

"He was sure as soon as the Bill became law the Lord Chief Justice would issue more guidelines," he said, adding that the measure was important but was not the end of the exercise as long as there was not the most effective way of actually confining assets. Perhaps there had been some misunderstanding about what could be done at the moment. It was wrong, just because the Government was focusing on a new, more effective way of confiscating assets, to think there were not ways of depriving people of profits of their crime.

The Criminal Justice Act of 1972 provided a mechanism to make a serious offender criminally bankrupt. The courts now had the option of unlimited fines. If a criminal had £1 million stashed away he could be fined that amount and law enforcement relied on to get it. The Inland Revenue had a role to play.

The problem was the sophisticated international criminal did not have a deposit account in his own name in a high street bank but the money might be in a country not affected by the conspiracy itself, or possibly in assets, or passed on to other criminals, or laundered through a multiplicity of other accounts.

We have to find (he said) more sophisticated ways of tracing assets and that is what one is directing one's attention to.

A high level of cooperation between various countries was needed. It might be some changes were needed in banking arrangements so there was some transparency in proper cases. It might

involve greater involvement of the Inland Revenue in work the police did to uncover conspiracy.

Britain was in the middle of a heroin epidemic, Mr Keith Kiffin (Dorset, C) the speaker, said when he moved the third reading. The measure was aimed at those trafficking in the most harmful

drugs, such as heroin and cocaine, the big boys, the Mafia style dealers, the godfathers of the drug traffic. Those were the people who were not known or recklessly became involved in behaviour akin to that of the Scottish shopkeepers who supplied kits in return for stolen goods.

There had been an increase in deaths of youngsters from glue sniffing from 29 in 1980 to 43 in

Bill designed to counter glue sniffing

The Bill designed to curb the activities of evil men who, according to Mr David Mellor, Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, deliberately supplied glue sniffing kits to vulnerable young people, was given a unopposed third reading in the Commons and sent to the House of Lords. It was, he explained, a long stop Bill designed to plug a loophole.

After a Scottish case in which two shopkeepers were jailed, Mr Mellor said the Government and the public would have stood condemned if they had allowed the loophole to remain. The Bill, sponsored by Mr Neville Thomas (Tynemouth, C) allowed the imposition of a large fine of up to £2,000 or six months' imprisonment.

The Bill creates a new offence of supplying to those under 18 a substance likely to be inhaled to cause intoxication. The supplier will be liable if he knows or has reasonable cause to believe the substance is likely to be sniffed to cause intoxication.

Mr Mellor said the Bill was designed to deal with those who knowingly or recklessly became involved in behaviour akin to that of the Scottish shopkeepers who supplied kits in return for stolen goods.

There were instances of fish and chip shops selling glue and of a boy dog stand keeping a supply. Some shops even sold the glue in a used crisp packet - known as a happy bag. These were the people the Bill was aimed at.

The only enemies of the Copyright (Computer Software) Amendment Bill, which provides for the application of copyright law and the penalties for offences to computer programs, would be the pirates who would not be looking forward to implementation of the measure it contained, Mr John Bageher, Under-Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said during the third reading in the Commons.

The Bill was an important economic measure which he said would benefit those who had previously found their ingenuity and brainpower penalized as a result of the work of the pirates, and it would greatly benefit this fast growing industry.

Mr William Powell (Corby, C) sponsor of the Bill, said he hoped the message would be that the

Circumcision Bill through

The Prohibition of Female Circumcision Bill, which prohibits the practice in this country, was read the third time in the Commons. Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Health, said there was no question of racism in the Bill, sponsored by Mrs Marion Roe (Bournemouth, C).

Mr Clarke said the measure should be seen only as a part of a wider health education campaign to eradicate the practice here and abroad. He did not underestimate the role of education and counselling among communities in which female circumcision had been a custom for millennia. Groups were already at work on counselling.

The Government would look sympathetically at applications for grants.

Ms Jo Richardson (Barking, Lab) for the Opposition, said she hoped the department would deal with the matter sensitively when the legislation had been passed. They did not want to drive the practice underground.

The Charter Trustees Bill, Hill Farming Bill and Agricultural Training Board Bill passed their remaining stages and the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Bill went through all its stages without debate.

Rampton patient 'planned to kill staff with poison smuggled in by visitor'

James Costello, the man who slashed the face of Peter Sutcliffe, who was convicted of the "Yorkshire Ripper" murders, was last night under 24-hour guard after a poison plan was uncovered by staff at Rampton top security hospital where he is held.

The move came after a tip-off that Costello, aged 37, was planning to kill staff and himself with poison smuggled into him. A top-level meeting of hospital officials was immediately called, and Costello, who is Scots-born was taken out of the admission ward where he had spent six months being assessed.

He was placed in a top security maximum observation ward, isolated from other patients with staff making checks on him every 15 minutes.

In January 1983, Costello, who is serving 10 years for armed robbery, attacked Sutcliffe in Parkhurst Prison with a broken coffee jar.

A hospital source inside the

hospital, which houses some of Britain's most violent criminals, said Costello devised the plan after several visits by an unidentified man.

Costello asked him to provide poison with which he intended killing at least two staff members before swallowing a fatal dose himself. But the visitor told the authorities.

A member of the hospital staff said: "There is no doubt that with outside help he could have got hold of poison. Visits at Rampton are very different from prisons. Meetings are held in a recreation hall over a cup of tea and there is no eavesdropping on conversations."

"Although a search is carried out when the patient returns to the ward it is only a frisk. It would be easy to conceal poison on the body."

Dr Diana Dickens, the hospital's medical director said: "I can confirm we had certain information. I am not prepared to say from where, and as a

result this patient has been placed in a maximum observation ward.

"It would be fair to say our understanding was that poison was to be supplied to him by an external agency. Normally visits here are not carried out under the same strict conditions as in prison but in future visitor access to this particular patient will be carefully supervised."

He has been moved to conditions of special security, partly because if he were in a dangerous frame of mind hospital officials would have to be particularly careful.

She wanted to make it absolutely clear that Costello could not have access to any chemicals or poison, within the hospital.

Dr Dickens could not say whether any action was likely to be taken against the visitor. "To the best of my knowledge we have not identified the second person."



A party from the School of Performing Arts of New York, on which the television series *Fame* is based, who gave a show in County Hall, London yesterday for children from Lambeth, with some of their audience (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Compulsory seat belts likely to remain

By Michael Bailey
Transport Editor

Compulsory seat belts look set to continue beyond next January, when the three-year trial is scheduled to end in the absence of further parliamentary action.

Latest Department of Transport figures show that with 5,890 fatal and serious injuries to front-seat occupants of cars and light vans, 1984 casualties were 19 per cent, or almost a fifth down on 1982, the last full year before compulsion was introduced.

The news was not all good, however. Fatal and serious injuries were higher both to rear seat passengers (320, or 7 per cent up) and to pedestrians and cyclists hit by cars and light vans (1,440, or 8 per cent up).

Before Parliament decides whether to extend compulsory seat belts, either temporarily or permanently, two academic experts from the London School of Economics are scheduled to complete later this year a detailed analysis of the effect of the three-year trial.

Pledge by minister on football violence

By Our Parliamentary Staff

A pledge that the Government would give the strongest possible support to football authorities to combat soccer violence was given by Mr Neil Macfarlane, Minister for Sport, in the Commons yesterday.

He was replying to a debate initiated by Mr Tony Banks, Labour MP for Newham North West and Chelsea and West Ham supporter.

Mr Macfarlane said that proposed action included legislation to control sale of alcohol at grounds and the public order White Paper to be published shortly. Discussion with the police on dealing with violence were planned by the Home Secretary, who was also encouraging magistrates to make full use of their powers.

All this represented a substantial package of new Government measures to support the tough line that the Football Association and Football League had agreed to take.

Mr Banks said that there was disturbing evidence to indicate the most serious violence in football was being efficiently organized.

Practically all football league clubs needed to be modernized through partnership arrangements between clubs and local

authority and government agencies.

He had never been able to understand why football clubs should be excluded from receiving local authority grants, in the way that opera, theatre, ballet and recreation was supported on the rates.

Luton may ban visiting fans

Luton Town, the First Division football club, has confirmed that it is considering a ban on visiting supporters in the wake of last month's violence during a match with Millwall.

The move would make it the first club in Britain to do so, although both Derby and Millwall are reported to be thinking along similar lines.

After the FA Cup game at Luton on March 13, Millwall fans rioted, causing more than £100,000 of damage, and 31 police and 16 spectators were injured.

Millwall FC was fined £7,500 by the FA and Luton was ordered to cage off spectator areas used by its supporters.

Mr David Evans, the club chairman said yesterday that he was in favour of a ban.

Forensic hypnosis opposed

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Draft Home office guidelines for the police on the use of forensic hypnosis have run into widespread opposition. It has come from many of the professional organizations to which the guidelines were sent. Those consulted include medical, psychiatric, psychological and legal bodies.

The Home office said yesterday that it was still undecided whether to issue the guidelines. If it did not, it would be open to the Home Office to advise the Association of Chief Police Officers against the use of hypnosis.

At least six police forces have used hypnosis in England and Wales, according to Mr David

Mingay, of the MRC Applied Psychology Unit in Cambridge, and one of the speakers yesterday at a conference of the British Society of Experimental and Clinical Hypnosis.

The society feels there may be a case for forensic hypnosis if a person has for emotional reasons, suppressed frightening memories. Dr Michael Heap, the secretary told me, in general, the society is against the use of forensic hypnosis.

Mr Mingay, who is at Cambridge studying eye-witness testimony, says that in the United States the practice of hypnotizing witnesses in an attempt to enhance their recall of crime, had greatly increased,

Greyhound race limits lifted

Greyhound racing, Britain's second largest spectator sport in spite of a long period of decline, was given a considerable boost yesterday with the passage by the Commons of a Bill sweeping away long-standing restrictions on it.

With the passing into law of the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Bill, sponsored by Mr Harry Greenwood, Conservative MP for Ealing North, the statutory limitation on the number of meetings that can be held at tracks in a year will be abolished.

Judge defines role of medical specialist

The professional relationships between general practitioners and medical specialists may be re-examined after a ruling by a High Court judge yesterday.

Lord Justice Croom-Johnson was giving an interim ruling during a libel action brought by Dr Sidney Gee, a Harley Street slimming specialist, against the BBC, members of the *That's Life* team, including presenter Esther Rantzen, and against two doctors.

The judge was asked by the parties to give a definitive ruling on the meaning of the

term "specialist". He said that only doctors who devote their practice solely to one particular branch of medicine have the right to use the term.

The terms "specialist" and "consultant" were interchangeable for the purposes of interpreting the profession's ethical rules, he said.

Dr Gee aged 63, of Regent's Park, London, is seeking damages over an edition of *That's Life* broadcast in June 1983 which he says portrayed him as "an unscrupulous profiteering quack".

Atom test man 'died naturally'

A former naval officer who took part in Britain's South Pacific atom bomb experiments in 1957 and later died from cancer, died from natural causes, an inquest jury at Penzance, Cornwall, decided yesterday.

Dr David Keeling, a consultant surgeon in nuclear medicine, told the inquest that traces of radioactive particles found in the body of Kenneth Measures, who died in 1983 aged 54, were similar to those he would expect to find in anyone.

Dr Keeling said he thought the lung cancer which killed Mr Measures of Helston, Cornwall, was very rare, but could not say it had been caused by his presence aboard the aircraft carrier HMS Warrior, at Malden Island in May and June 1957.

£500 fine for rude poems

Trevor Ennis, aged 30, of Epping Avenue, St Helens, Merseyside, who sent rude poems and drawings to local council members, may have political enthusiasm but he also had sexual obsessions, Judge Wickham, told him yesterday at Liverpool Crown Court.

Ennis was fined £500 with £300 costs and given two three months' concurrent prison sentences, suspended for two years, after being convicted of sending two indecent communications through the post.

Australians in theatrical swap

An Australian theatre group is to produce a West End comedy in a move which may increase bilateral theatrical exchanges.

The exchange has been agreed by British and Australian Equity, the performers' union, and will be the London debut of the Elizabethan Theatre Trust. The show is in exchange for a 12-week run by the London Theatre of Comedy's *Run For Your Wife* which has just finished in Australia.

Nine years for railman's killer

James Melloy, aged 25, who killed a railway ticket collector by plunging a 5ft metal stake through his eye was jailed for nine years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Melloy was found guilty of the manslaughter last June of Mr Peter Burns, aged 59, who was on duty alone at Seven Kings Station, Ilford, Essex. He was acquitted of murder.

RAF jet inquiry may last months

An RAF inquiry into an air accident in which a jet trainer from which the pilot had ejected, circled over houses and an industrial estate for two minutes, before crashing into a cottage, may last several months.

The accident on Wednesday happened at Hedding Tye, Suffolk.

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Computer firms launch identity-card service

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

Computerized identification cards the size of credit cards could help solve the football hooligan difficulty, according to two computer companies and Emily Hughes, their football consultant, and a former captain of England.

Launching the computer service yesterday, Mr Hughes called on the Government to back a supporters' identity programme. "If something isn't done, somebody is going to die at a football match, a player or fan", he said.

The computer system has been devised by Sperry and

Systemsolve. Supporters would be required to carry a plastic identification card with a magnetic stripe on the back and the holder's picture on the face. Electronic equipment at the turnstiles would indicate whether the holder had been banned, or the card stolen.

All cards would be issued by a club to registered fans, and the two computer companies would keep an updated record of those that were valid.

Supporters would obtain their cards by registering with the club and paying a small annual fee.

Manchester to get £12m rail link-up

A new £12.7 million railway link between Manchester's two main line stations was approved by the Government yesterday.

The line, to be completed in 1988, will join those running from Bolton and the north of Manchester into those from Stockport and the south of London. It will save passengers crossing between the two stations by bus or taxi when travelling from the north to south of the city.

British Rail said last night they were delighted with the approval. "We have been pushing for this for a long time", a spokesman said. "It will save a lot of people a lot of time crossing Manchester."

Unlawful killing verdict on girl found in alley

A boy aged 16 told an inquest yesterday that he made love to Lisa Hession, aged 14 shortly before she was found murdered.

Her body was found in a back alley near her home in Leigh, Greater Manchester, last December.

Mr David Blakey, the Manchester North coroner, recorded a verdict of unlawful killing.

Det Supt Terrance Millard, who led the hunt for the killer, told the hearing that he believed the attack had been sexually motivated. During house-to-house inquiries, 1,300 homes were visited, 2,300 people interviewed and, later, after a full-scale reconstruction, another 3,300.

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Charities' anger at claim that they could fold without GLC funds

By Colin Hughes

Two national pressure groups have complained to the Advertising Standards Authority and the Greater London Council about GLC advertisement which lists them among those which may disappear if the council is abolished.

Mr Brian Rix, secretary-general of the Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults (Mencap), has written to Lord McGregor of Durris, chairman of the standards authority board, saying he is deeply concerned at the misleading advertisement, which appeared in the national Press on Thursday morning.

Mr Rix said the advertisement, in creating the impression that Mencap might fold if GLC grants are lost, "will cause great uncertainty and could have a deleterious effect on the funding and work of the society".

He has also written to Mr Maurice Stonefrost, director general of the GLC, saying that while grateful for the grants Mencap has received from the GLC, the advertisement "can only sow seeds of worry and deep concern" among Mencap supporters.

The advertisement listed 168

organizations which it said "believe that they are in jeopardy" because of the threatened abolition of the GLC. The Royal Town Planning Institute has written to the council requesting that it pays for a correcting advertisement.

An institute spokesman said: "We are concerned about the abolition legislation, and are lobbying the House of Lords to seek amendments. The advertisement, in conveying the impression that we are dependent on GLC grants, makes us seem unfairly concerned solely for our own self-preservation."

He said that the institute would be disappointed to lose grants which fund its planning aid work in London, but would certainly be able to remain in existence with subscriptions from its 12,000 members.

MIND, the mental health pressure group, which is also in the list, said: "It is totally untrue that MIND is going to be decimated, and we were surprised and amused to learn that that might be the case."

However, the spokesman said that MIND would be "severely affected" if it lost GLC grants which have totalled more than

£200,000. The Save the Children Fund has also written a letter of protest to the GLC.

The National Council for Voluntary Organizations, which represents many of the groups listed, said: "We have made our feelings privately clear to the GLC, that we regret the distractions that this advertisement has caused. Our concern is that they are distractions from the very serious impact on the voluntary sector threatened by the abolition of the GLC, which would affect many voluntary services."

The GLC said it would look into specific objections such as Mencap's. "Perhaps it is unfortunate if such impressions were given, but we do not believe that the advertisement is misleading. It was an attempt to convey that the future of many organizations which run crucial voluntary sector services in London is threatened by abolition."

"In this incredibly serious situation, where 9,000 voluntary sector jobs could be lost, along with £66 million of grants to run projects, we feel the advertisement was useful to bring home the arguments."

£50,000 needed to save West Country railway

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

Efforts are being made by local businessmen to save one of Britain's oldest railways, which runs out of Bodmin in central Cornwall.

It was opened in 1834, nine years after the world's first public steam-hauled railway between Stockton and Darlington, and unless local interests raise £50,000 by the end of this month British Rail threatens to break up the track and sell it.

The former Bodmin and Wadebridge Railway covered 12 miles through villages and quarries as an isolated branch for more than 50 years before the Great Western Railway joined it to its main line at Bodmin in 1888. Passenger traffic ceased in the 1970s and the movement of china clay stopped within the past two years.

The businessmen say that with three million visitors to Cornwall each year a steam-hauled railway running through pleasant country would be a tourist attraction, would pro-

vide jobs, and would preserve a part of Britain's industrial heritage.

● The Ffestiniog narrow-gauge railway is making a profit again after a long struggle to restore it to efficient operations.

Mr John Routly, chairman of the railway, said yesterday that the line was in credit for the year ending December 31, 1984, making a profit of £4,450 in spite of a substantial jump in the cost of oil.

Mr George Young, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, has told the Commons that the London Dockland Development Corporation spent £9.6 million employing 164 consultants and consultancy firms last year (Colin Hughes writes).

Mr Tony Banks, Labour MP for Newham North West, who elicited the information through a parliamentary question, said yesterday he found it disturbing that such information could be uncovered only through the Commons.

Sir George said that it was corporation policy to keep its core of permanent staff as small as possible and to supplement their work with external private sector skills wherever necessary. About £6 million went to engineering and quantity surveying consultants, and £3.6 million for project management and administration.

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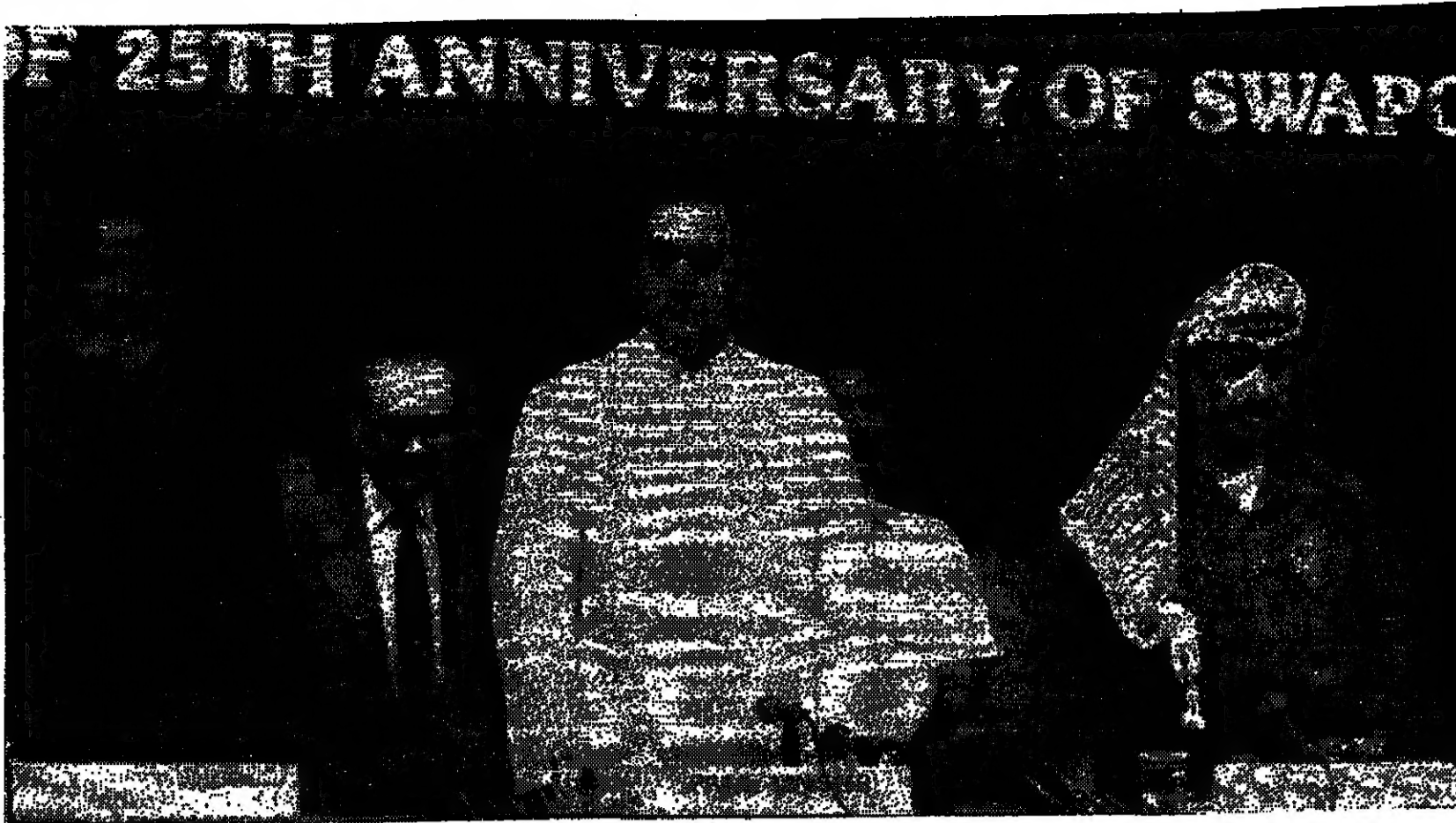
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Son's tribute: Mr Gandhi stands in memory of his mother, flanked by Swape's president, Sam Nujoma, and the PLO's Yassir Arafat

Pretoria upsets world opinion with unilateral Namibia plan

From Gerald Shaw, Cape Town

South Africa's new plan for an interim government in Namibia, announced in parliament by Mr P. W. Botha, the president, is unlikely to produce an early settlement on terms acceptable to the international community.

The president's plan is rejected by Swape (the South West African People's Organisation) and is regarded with reservation by Britain and other members of the Western contact group.

While undertaking to continue talks with the international community to resolve the dispute in terms of Resolution 435 of the Security Council involving United Nations-supervised elections, South Africa retains the option of pursuing a settlement on different lines, which some observers believe could lead to a so-called "internal settlement" excluding the United Nations.

By insisting on the linked withdrawal of Cuban troops from neighbouring Angola, South Africa could play the United Nations plan indefinitely.

The Reagan Administration, in reacting to Mr Botha's statement, said the South African plan had no standing and would not affect the United Nations effort to gain independence for the territory.

Mr Pik Botha, the South African Minister of Foreign Affairs, has indicated that Pretoria strongly resents some Western suggestions that it is acting contrary to the United Nations plan, but he has also told Western envoys that South Africa reserves the right to terminate its presence in the territory "unilaterally".

The elements of the new South African scheme are:

- Return of legislative and some executive powers to Namibia;
- Election of a legislative assembly;
- Creation of a constitutional council to produce a draft constitution as a basis for further discussion;
- South Africa to retain ultimate executive authority and control of Namibia's foreign relations.

'Puppet regime' condemned

From Michael Hamly, Delhi

At the instance of its Chairman, the Indian Prime Minister Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Non-aligned Movement meeting in Delhi has sent a telegram to the President of the UN Security Council demanding that the Council take immediate action against South Africa following the setting up of an internal administration in Namibia.

The telegram expresses "profound indignation that the racist South African regime has decided to proceed with its sinister scheme to install 'yet another puppet regime'."

Mr Gandhi, inaugurating the meeting - a ministerial meeting of the coordinating Bureau of Non-aligned Countries - on Namibia - told representatives of the 80 participating countries and observers that Namibia's progress towards independence seemed sure a few years ago.

He said the credibility of the Security Council had come under question.

Mr Gandhi urged the conference to draw up a programme of action "which will show the brave fighters of Namibia that the Non-aligned Movement means business".

Mr Sam Nujoma, President of Swape was welcomed with wide applause when he gave a clenched fist salute and attacked "the diabolical policy of constructive engagement," which he said had encouraged the South African regime to become "even more intransigent, brutal and arrogant."

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Washington tones down its criticism

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

The Reagan Administration is deeply disappointed by South Africa's decision to establish an internal government in Namibia, believing that it adds a new complication to the seven-year-long talks aimed at bringing the disputed territory to independence.

However, the US has muted its criticism of the action in the hope of controlling the damage to the delicately-poised negotiating process.

American officials expressed some relief that Pretoria had said it intended to "respect its international commitments". This was seen as implying that South Africa still intends to work for a Namibian settlement within the auspices of UN

Security Council Resolution 435.

● Britain warned South Africa in advance that it could not approve any plans for transitional government in Namibia. It was made clear in Whitehall yesterday (Henry Stanhope, our Diplomatic Correspondent, writes).

The Foreign Office released the text of a letter delivered to Pretoria while it was considering proposals put up last month by the Multi-Party Conference in Namibia.

The text of the letter read: "The British Government notes with concern the Government of South Africa's consideration of the proposals of some of the Namibian internal parties for a transitional government."

"The British Government would regard any unilateral measures taken by the South African Government in relation to the establishment of constitutional bodies and to the transfer of power in Namibia, to be null and void. No arrangement that may be established as a result of such measures would have any status whatsoever under the UN settlement plan. Nor can the South African Government's responsibility to bring about the implementation of the UN plan be delegated to any Namibian party."

"The only agreed basis for internationally-recognised independence for Namibia is UN Security Council Resolution 435, to which the British Government is firmly committed. Under Resolution 435 the

constitution for an independent Namibia is to be drafted by representatives of the Namibian people chosen in a free and fair election. The British Government considers that any document which purports to be a constitution for an independent Namibia, but which was granted under procedures other than those provided for in Resolution 435 would be without effect."

The spokesman, after reading out the text, went on: "Having seen President P. W. Botha's response, we wish to confirm that what we said in this statement remains valid."

"We note, however, that the South African Government have stressed that they will continue to negotiate with the United Nations."

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De Gaulle's home may be sold

Paris (Reuters) - President de Gaulle's home in the village of Colombey-les-deux-Eglises, eastern France, may be sold because of taxes, his son said.

Retired Admiral Philippe de Gaulle complained about the taxes he has to pay in the house in an interview with the weekly colour magazine of the conservative daily *Le Figaro*. He said his father's house called Le Boisserie, was being looked after by a caretaker.

Doves warned

Tehran (AFP) - President Khamenei or Iran gave a warning during Friday prayers here that Iranians who demanded peace in the war with Iraq would not be tolerated.

Sri Lanka riots

Muslim rioters looted and set fire to Tamil homes and shops as sectarian violence flared in Eastern Sri Lanka. The violence has left at least 32 dead and nearly 12,000 homeless.

Pilots killed

Tegucigalpa (Reuters) - Two US pilots were believed killed when their combat plane crashed off the northern coast of Honduras during joint US-Honduran military manoeuvres.

Ghana devalues

Accra (Reuters) - Ghana announced a 5.6 per cent devaluation of the cedi, the second cut in the currency's value in four months.

Liberia threat

Monrovia (AFP) - The Liberian leader, Samuel Doe, has linked the Opposition with "anti-government forces" and threatened to make Liberia a one-party state.

Budapest rebel

Budapest (Reuters) - A member of Hungary's Parliament, Mr Istvan Kiraly, said he abstained in a vote on a new education law because he wanted schools to provide more options for the talented. The abstention was a rare public display of opposition to the Government.

Royal visit revives past Hungarian link

From Richard Bassett, Herend, Hungary

Memories of the warm friendship Hungary enjoyed with Britain in the 19th century were evoked on the second day of Princess Margaret's visit yesterday.

At a meeting in the neo-gothic Parliament, a building inspired in situation and style by Westminster, she was greeted by the Hungarian President, Mr Pal Losonszi, with the words of the great patriot Kossuth who sought exile in London after the 1848 Hungarian uprising.

Mr Losonszi said Kossuth loved England and Hungary and, after mastering both countries' languages, had observed they both were similar.

After the meeting, which informed sources described as warm and friendly, the princess was driven in a seven-car convoy to visit the Herend porcelain factory in western Hungary.

The two-hour journey would have emphasised to the princess Hungary's strategic value and dependence on the Soviet Union.

Despite passing the picturesque shores of Lake Balaton, part of the road went through Warsaw Pact principal battlefields apparently preparing for some minor exercise.

Military jets passed above the convoy whose Hungarian police escort had difficulty in persuading large Soviet military trucks to pull over to allow the princess to pass.

Doves of Russian soldiers rushed to the windows of their barracks to see the convoy which at times passed less than a hundred yards from several squadrons of Soviet tanks while helicopters hovered above.

After lunching at Herend, the princess was shown around the village's museum of porcelain containing several pieces named after Queen Victoria.

Retrial for Lee critics on party fraud charges

From Stephen Taylor, Singapore

Two Opposition politicians in Singapore, including the sharpest parliamentary critic of Mr Lee Kuan Yew's Administration, are to be re-tried for allegedly making a false declaration about party finances. The Chief Justice, Mr Wee Chong Yin, ordered the retrial following an appeal by the Public Prosecutor against the acquittal of Mr J B "Ben" Jeyaretnam and Mr Wong Hong Toy, both of the Workers' Party. He reversed the not guilty on another, lesser charge, of fraudulent cheque transfer and fined them 1,000 Singapore dollars (£400) each.

If convicted of the more serious offence Mr Jeyaretnam could be disqualified from Parliament. He said he would appeal.

Mr Jeyaretnam and Mr Wong were acquitted of two charges and found guilty of one, fraudulently preventing the distribution of a cheque, for which they were fined \$1,000.

The charges relate to a period when the Workers' Party faced bankruptcy.

Karachi riots death toll rises to 44

From Hasan Akhtar, Islamabad

The death toll after four days of rioting in Karachi among Pathans and non-Pathan groups was reported to have risen to 44 by yesterday morning.

Two hundred people were reported to have been wounded many by gunfire or stabbing.

The riots flared on Monday in Karachi's western district, mostly populated by Urdu-speaking Indian migrant settlers, when a speeding bus driven by a Pathan driver killed a college girl.

Several hundred people including girls from the same college to which the dead girl belonged, staged violent demonstrations and attacked city transport burning down about half a dozen vehicles.

The Pathan population in Pakistan's largest city estimated to be about one million, retaliated by suspending all city transport owned by them and attacking some settlers' colonies.

Despite curfew and strong deployment of army and police, Thursday turned out to be the worst day of rioting when at least 28 people were reportedly killed in attacks between Pathans and non-Pathans on each other's settlements and colonies.

According to unofficial reliable reports 28 dead bodies were brought to various hospitals and police stations from burnt-down settlements yesterday.

The worst-affected area on Thursday was Orangi Township to which the single road from the heart of the city passes through mainly Pathan-populated areas.

The Sind provincial government has ordered indefinite closure of educational institutions and traffic through riot-ridden areas has virtually halted because of curfew restrictions.

Dr Donald Francis, a member of a national task force formed at the centre, said the disease was as dangerous as major virus-borne epidemics such as smallpox and lassa fever.

Although there is no protective vaccine or cure, a review of treatments to halt the spread of Aids (acquired immunity deficiency syndrome) in infected patients identified at least six drugs which have had some effect.

They are interferon, suavin, ribavirin, trisodium phosphoformate and ansamycin and are all undergoing clinical trials.

Battle for the counties Labour's hold on Avon at risk

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent

Voters should tell the Prime Minister to drop "mean and clumsy" restraints on the essential services provided by councils. Mr Neil Kinnock, leader of the Opposition, said yesterday. He was launching the Labour Party's *Charter for Community Care* in the county of Avon, the party's bastion of political power in the West country, which the Conservatives are especially keen to win.

Mr Kinnock appealed to voters in the English and Welsh county elections on May 2 - to send a message to Mrs Thatcher, to say that the British people will not have the injustice, and inefficiency, of the anxieties of elderly people who cannot get a home help, of the strain on mothers caring for handicapped children."

Avon County Council, where Labour has an overall majority of two of the 76 seats, was a model providing excellent services while giving ratepayers good value, Mr Kinnock said.

The Government saw community care as a source of

last county elections four years ago.

"I shall be very disappointed indeed if we do not win control of Avon," Mr Patrick Jenkin, secretary of State for the Environment, said in London this week, when he opened the Conservative campaign. "Avon has been an absolute scandal".

The county's rates have risen faster than most to finance a growing range of services. Conservative candidates in the coming poll believe that their programme of reducing spending to government guidance levels in four years can avoid the heavy redundancies predicted by Labour.

Neither side seems confident of winning. Mr Andy Pott, leader of the 39-strong Labour group, accepts that his party may lose overall control. Mrs Susan Marshfield, leader of the Conservative group of 32, said: "I am reasonably confident. I think it would be rash to be over-confident. I seriously think it is going to be a very narrow margin whoever wins."

Avon is a creation of the local government reorganization of the mid 1970s. It includes Bristol, Bath and slices of what used to be North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. It is the only county council held by Labour south of West Midlands, and victory there was one of the best of a series of successes for the party in the

Charter for Community Care (Labour Party, 150, Walworth Road, London SE17 7Q).

Escapers' reunion: Three of the 110 veterans of the Second World War Colditz Castle prisoner of war camp who met again yesterday at the Imperial War Museum. Left to right: W. L. Stephens and Pat Reid, both of whom escaped, and Jack Best, who organized the building of a glider in a Colditz attic (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

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Genscher remarks hint at widening divisions within Bonn coalition

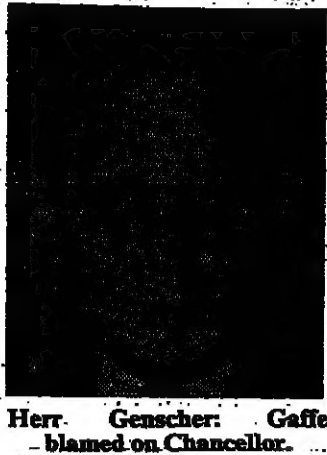
From Frank Johnson
Bonn

A private remark attributed to the West German Foreign Minister, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, in a newspaper this week suggests a growing disunity at the moment inside the ruling coalition.

Herr Genscher was quoted as saying that West German foreign policy now has two burdens to bear: the attitude of Herr Manfred Wörner, the Defence Minister, towards an air combat identification system which the Americans are selling to the West Germans, and the blunders connected with President Reagan's forthcoming visit to a Second World War German military cemetery.

Herr Genscher's staff later made it known that he regarded press reports of disagreements between him and Chancellor Kohl as "fabricated and without basis." He did not mention Herr Wörner.

Because, like most West German governments, this one is a coalition, a high level of disunity is traditional. Herr Genscher is a member of the junior partner. The liberal Free Democrats, and Herr Wörner is from the conservative Christian Democrats. But veterans observers of the Bonn scene say that the recriminations are rather more intense than usual at the moment, perhaps because of the bad organization of the Reagan wreath-laying has cre-



Herr Genscher: Gaffe blamed on Chancellor.

ated exactly what the West Germans had hoped to avoid: an emphasis on the German past rather than reconciliation and the German future.

The Defence Minister's troubles are to do with his choosing the American air identification system in preference to one made by the West German company, Siemens. That firm has already received extensive financial help from the West German taxpayer who must now pay DM500 million (£128 million) for the rival system.

But the greatest problem for Herr Wörner is that there is said to be reluctance on the part of the Americans to have much of the technology made in West

Germany. This is what annoyed Herr Genscher.

He is reported to be saying that this American reluctance, which Herr Wörner did not take into account, gives the opposition Social Democrats an excuse for opposing Bonn Government policy on the even bigger issue of the strategic defence initiative.

The only point that Bonn has consistently made in favour of SDI is that West Germany would share in the technological profits. America's alleged attitude towards sharing the spoils from the air identification system is being taken by Herr Wörner's opponents as undermining this theory.

These opponents have been drawing attention to other mistakes with which he has been associated. The Defence Minister is clearly a formidable expert on the complexities of his office, but does seem to have had a run of bad luck. These blunders include the "Kiessling affair" last year, when his ministry decided that a general was a homosexual security risk who should be dismissed.

Herr Genscher's displeasure over the Reagan cemetery visit gaffe appears to be directed at Chancellor Kohl since it was his office, rather than the Foreign Ministry, which has been organizing the ceremony, possibly hoping for a repeat of the Kohl-Mitterand hand-holding at Verdun last year.

Appeal on murder of Solidarity priest opens

From Roger Boyes
Warsaw

The question posed yesterday in a long defiant document presented on behalf of Grzegorz Piotrowski, the former secret policeman, who is appealing against a 25-year jail term for the murder of Father Jerzy Popieluszko, the Solidarity priest, was "Were we madmen or bent on suicide?"

The Warsaw Supreme Court has started to consider the appeals of Piotrowski and his three accomplices, Adam Pietruszka, the former Colonel, who was given 25 years jail and the two ex-lieutenants, Leszek Pekala and Waldemar Chmielewski, who were sentenced to 15 and 14 years. None of the defendants is in court.

The chances are that the sentences will be scaled down. The written report by the defence counsel comprised 40 pages supplemented by a 48-page document from Piotrowski. It was he, the Torun trial testimony showed, who played the dominant role in the actual murder of the priest, though he claimed that he was acting on orders from Colonel Pietruszka.



Family concern: Mrs Maryanna Popieluszko, mother of the murdered Polish priest, and her son Stanislaw at yesterday's opening of an appeal by the convicted four.

destroy one link in the logical chain to secure a reassessment of his case, argues in his appendix that 'none of the circumstances' of the killing points to pre-meditation.

The second aim is to point to shortcomings in the Torun trial. The Torun judges, for example, allowed Piotrowski to

refuse to answer questions that he did not like, but then barred him from answering other questions.

The Torun trial was treated as a show trial. The appeal by contrast is a much more sedate affair.

The appeal will be completed in the next few days and will be

over before the opening of the most important Solidarity trial since political prisoners were freed last August. The Solidarity adviser Adam Michnik and the two activists Wladyslaw Frasyniuk and Bogdan Lis have been indicted on charges of inciting unrest and conducting illegal union activities.

Taiwan's intelligence chief jailed for life

Taipei (Reuters) - Vice Admiral Wang Hsi-ling, the head of Taiwan's military intelligence bureau, was sentenced to life imprisonment yesterday for plotting the murder of a dissident writer in California.

His two deputies, Major General Hu Yi-min and Colonel Chen Fu-men, were convicted as accessories to murder and jailed for two and a half years each.

Government-owned radio and television stations described the verdicts as fair. But an opposition source said two showcase trials left many questions unanswered about the murder of Henry Liu last October. The absence of a clear motive did not help the finding of truth, the source said.

The Government has denied a connection with the murder, saying it was an individual action despite the involvement of high officials.

A civilian court last week found two gang leaders, Chen Chi-li and Wu Tun, guilty of killing Mr Liu, described by the intelligence chief as a traitor for his critical writings.

Wang, aged 58, a former naval attaché and adviser in Washington, denied ordering the murder, but said he told the gangsters to teach Mr Liu a lesson.

However, Liu's widow, Helen, said the killing must have been ordered by someone higher up in the government.

Hopes for Honecker trip to West grow

From Our Own Correspondent, Bonn

A visit to West Germany by the East German leader, Herr Erich Honecker, later this year, or early next, looks more likely after a trip here this week by a senior East German official.

Herr Günter Mittag, a Politburo member responsible for economics, saw Chancellor Kohl and the West German Minister for Economics, Herr Martin Bangemann. Credits and economic issues were the subjects understood to have been discussed, and the West Germans discouraged speculation that the meetings advanced the Honecker visit.

But Herr Mittag's arrival is being seen as part of efforts which both Germanies are making to show that they are on

better terms after the embarrassments caused to both by the cancellation, under Russian pressure, of the Honecker visit last year.

However, the relationship remains full of protocol problems. Bonn is trying to decide how to reply to three invitations which East Germany has extended to West Germany's representative in East Berlin in connection with the commemorations of the end of the Second World War.

West Germany has been invited to the main state ceremony in the East Berlin State Opera on May 7, a ceremony at the Soviet war memorial on May 8, and a reception at the Soviet Embassy that evening.

Japan bows to US on standards

From David Watts
Tokyo

American pressure has won important concessions from the Japanese on standards for imported telecommunications equipment which should immediately make the market more accessible.

The new concessions will make it easier for British firms, such as Cable and Wireless, to get into what is going to be a multi-billion dollar telecommunications market.

But the American negotiators warned last night that everything now hinges on the Japanese honouring their promises.

The Americans originally set out to reduce 53 standards covering the quality and operational aspects of telecommunications equipment to one. They reduced them to 30 by April 1 and by last night had got them down to 12 with modifications to others after an exhausting four days of negotiating. Washington had originally set a 60-day deadline for the negotiations which were to be completed by June 1.

Concessions won by the Americans will allow some Japanese firms to sell products in the Japanese market which they can now sell only in the US.

China to cut army by one million

From W. P. Reeves
Wellington

China is to reduce its conventional armed forces by a million men over the next year, Mr Hu Yaobang, the secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, said in Wellington yesterday.

The move was made possible by China's increased political stability and economic performance, he said. The cut would reduce the Chinese army of 3.5 million by nearly a third to be told a press conference after talks with the government and the reduction would begin this year.

Mr David Lange, the New Zealand Prime Minister, said the announcements were staggering and dramatic but admitted that verifying Peking's claims of force reductions posed problems.

Mr Hu said China was confident of defending itself even after the proposed cut. Its nuclear weapons were too small to have a role, but China was prepared to participate in a conference of nuclear weapon powers to achieve strict arms control and the destruction of nuclear weapons.

Speaking later at Victoria University, Mr Hu said China supported the establishment of a nuclear free South Pacific and stressed the importance of Third World development as a bulwark for peace.

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Congress forces Reagan to retreat over aid for Contras

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Reagan has been forced by Congress to beat a tactical retreat over his plan to resume military assistance for the guerrilla war against Nicaragua. It is a serious symbolic defeat for the central pillar of his anti-Sandinista campaign.

White House officials and congressional leaders agreed the broad outlines of a compromise plan during closed-door talks that ended late on Thursday night. Under the deal, Congress will be asked to approve up to \$14 million (£10.7 million) in "humanitarian" aid to the rebels this year.

The House and the Senate are due to vote early next week on the package, which seems certain to be approved. But in a move calculated to embarrass the President, Democrats may first force a vote on his original request for a resumption of military aid to the guerrillas - a vote he is bound to lose.

The compromise formula gives the President breathing space, since it does show that Congress has not totally abandoned the rebels. He plans to return to Congress with a renewed request for military funds for the guerrillas beginning on October 1, the start of the next financial year. He is expected to seek \$28 million.

Precisely what constitutes "humanitarian" aid under the current plan is still a matter for behind-the-scenes discussions, but it is likely to include lorries and desperately needed basic equipment.

The guerrillas, who operate out of ramshackle bases in southern Honduras, are believed to be short of rifles, ammunition and mortars. Much of their funding comes from private groups in the United States, Honduras and El Salvador have provided some material assistance.

Talks were continuing yesterday on the fine print of the compromise agreement - how the money is to be distributed, to whom, and ways of ensuring it is not used for lethal equipment. Congressional leaders were yesterday discussing how much "humanitarian" aid should be granted, up to a ceiling of \$14 million, the amount originally requested by President Reagan for military assistance. The funds could be channelled through the Red Cross, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, or, less likely, the central Intelligence Agency.

Between 1981 and the spring of 1984, the CIA distributed about \$80 million to the rebels.

Discovery space flight ends with blown tyre

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

The space shuttle Discovery glided safely back to earth yesterday at the end of a bitter-sweet journey with astronaut Senator Jake Garn hailed as proof that "man is needed in space."

The Discovery's seven-day journey was marked by surprises, frustrations and achievements.

It's return did not go exactly as planned. It was 90 minutes late because of bad weather and it blew a tyre.

from the original schedule. It was delayed by bold and improvised efforts to salvage a communications satellite that it launched for the US Navy on Saturday but which did not go into orbit.

This was the first time in four attempts that a space shuttle crew had not been able to salvage a disabled satellite in space. Last year shuttle astronauts repaired a broken satellite in orbit and brought back two errant communications satellites to earth for repair.



White House table talk: President Reagan making a point to Mr Winston Churchill, the Conservative MP (right), and Mr Patrick Buchanan, the President's communications director, during a meeting with European conservative leaders.

Karami returns from Syria empty-handed

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

The future of the Lebanese Government remained in doubt last night as Mr Rashid Karami, the Prime Minister, returned from Damascus with no assurance from the Syrians that the Shia Muslim and Druze militias would leave the streets of west Beirut.

As Lebanese Government troops of the Sixth Brigade - itself a largely Shia unit - remained in their barracks yesterday, it was left to a rabble of militiamen in beards and red helmets to remind the population of who controlled the area by mounting roadblocks on the seafloor Corniche.

President Hafez al-Assad had hoped that Mr Karami would have withdrawn his resignation after his visit to Damascus but there was no sign of this last night. If Mr Karami sought a promise in return that the Sunni Muslims of west Beirut would receive protection and that the Shia Muslim "Amal" movement would be instructed to leave the streets, such a pledge was clearly unforthcoming.

In west Beirut yesterday, dozens of Druze gunmen continued to enter apartment blocks, demanding the identity papers of the inhabitants and in some cases breaking into empty homes and looting property. Fears by the Sunni community

that it could soon become the subject of a pogrom have only been increased by recent statements from Nabih Berri, the Shia Muslim Minister of Justice, who also lead the Amal movement.

Mr Berri has over the past few days been referring to Beirut as "My city, my national crown", as if the Shia Muslims now have the right to control the western sector of the city.

Mr George Sayegh, a senior Lebanese official of the American University of Beirut was released unharmed late on Thursday night less than 24 hours after he was seized by gunmen from his home in west Beirut, university sources said (Reuters reports). They were unable to identify the kidnappers of Mr Sayegh, the university's acting vice-president for administration.

● Tel Aviv: The Israeli military government in the occupied West Bank yesterday declared the campus of Bethlehem University a closed area (Moshe Brilliant writes).

The action was taken after a midnight raid on the campus during which the Israelis seized posters, books, recordings and other political material prepared for a public exhibition.

Congress chief shot in ambush

From Our Correspondent Delhi

One of the general secretaries of the ruling Congress (I) Party in India was shot and severely hurt in the garden of his home in Amritsar yesterday. A second political leader was also shot and injured in the Punjab industrial town of Jullundur.

The assassinations attempts, which have shocked many political figures in India since Sikh terrorism has been thought to be on the decline, seem likely to have been aimed at stopping the rapprochement between the Indian Government and leaders of Sikh agitation.

The first shooting took place in the shade of a gumohar tree, the brilliant orange-blossomed flame-of-the-forest, where Mr R. L. Bhatia was talking to visitors. Another man caught the full force of the shots, and has since died. Mr Bhatia turned and ran for cover but was shot in the back and the head. He was taken to hospital for emergency surgery and was later said to be out of danger.

The second shooting injured Mr Baldev K. Khullar who was the Punjab President of the National Unity Committee, (Qasim Ekta)

Madrid communists purge 15 key men

From Harry Debellus, Madrid

The Spanish Communist Party (PCE) yesterday purged 15 members of the leadership for 48 years and Secretary General for 23 years, and 14 of his followers from key posts, reducing them to the status of ordinary members.

"We have today confirmed the self-exclusion of these companions from the leadership of the Party," said the Secretary General, Señor Gerardo Iglesias, after a stormy central committee session.

The split which led to the purges, however, stemmed far from being patched up. The central committee was unable to unseat four other pro-Carrillo comrades, for statutory reasons, since they are elected leaders of regional Communist Party organizations.

The Party's troubles can be expected to go on, however, for Señor Carrillo defiantly said that he would continue to utilize the Party's name and symbols.

Following its strong showing in the general elections of 1979, when it got 1.9 million votes and 23 seats in the Congress of Deputies, the PCE was driven by internal disputes which resulted in the formation of several splinter parties and the resignation or expulsion of many prominent Party members.

After the dismal showing in the 1982 general elections, when the Party got only four seats in the Congress of Deputies, Señor Carrillo resigned as Secretary General, but he did not stop trying to run the Party.

Sudan talks dismissed by rebels

From Paul Valley Khartoum

Reports that Colonel John Garang, the leader of the rebels in the south of Sudan, was expected in Khartoum yesterday for peace talks with the country's new military regime were dismissed by the rebel radio station as being without foundation.

The reports, which emanated on Thursday from Lieutenant-Colonel Mahmoud Gamal, a spokesman for the transitional military council which rules the country, were confirmed by the official government news agency on Thursday evening. But yesterday the Sudanese People's Liberation Army's daily broadcast described them as "utterly baseless".

They could not be reconciled, it said, with an SPLA attack on two Government garrisons at Tonj and Bor on Wednesday, the day after Colonel Garang's seven-day ceasefire expired.

The SPLA would never agree to meet with what it described as the extension of the Nimeiry regime which the former president had arranged should take over power, it said.

The broadcast denounced the fact that Sharia law had still not been repealed and reiterated its appeal to southerners in the Sudanese Army to desert. It added too that the threat of summary execution to anyone it described as "an enemy of the people" who was captured by the SPLA.

Last night, Lieutenant-Colonel Gamal was unable to give any satisfactory explanation of his previous announcement.

● The Sudanese Ambassador in London who is being replaced by the new Government in Khartoum, has denied a report that he may seek political asylum in this country (Henry Stanhope writes).

Mr Sayed Abdullahi el Hassan took the unusual step yesterday of issuing a statement to affirm that he was already making arrangements to return home.

Zimbabwe's weaponry on public show

From Jan Raath Harare

Zimbabwe's armed forces put their military equipment on parade through Harare yesterday, some of it being shown for the first time in public.

Thousands of civilians watched the display, which formed the main feature of the second day of celebrations for the country's fifth year of independence.

Among about 30 columns of infantry was the Women's Army Corps, led by a white major, one of the few whites still in the services.

Equipment of the old Rhodesian army, most obtained in sanctions-busting deals, was still apparent, but the new hardware acquired by the defence forces, some of it apparently unused, was of key interest.

The 18 Brazilian amphibious Cascavel armoured cars, with mounted heavy calibre cannon, represented the army's biggest acquisition since independence. The purchase is being investigated by the Public Accounts Committee of the Zimbabwe Parliament.

New platform-mounted multiple-barrelled rocket launchers were also displayed. The force put on show four British Hawk jets and reconditioned Hawker Hunter fighters.

Norwegians abandon Everest to Bonington

Kathmandu (Reuters) - Gales forced three Norwegians and two Nepalese Sherpas to abandon a bid to reach the top of Mount Everest yesterday.

The team got as far as the south summit at 28,750 feet, but the winds dashed their hopes of becoming the first Scandinavians to climb Everest and of making the earliest spring ascent.

As they came down the mountain, a five-man party, including Britain's Chris Bonington, was moving up, with plans for a summit attempt tomorrow.

Politburo chides metal ministers

Moscow (Reuters) - Two ministers in the Soviet metal-lurgy industry were called to task at the weekly Politburo meeting for inefficiencies in their production sector. Pravda said the State Minister for ferrous metals, Mr Ivan Kazanets, and the local Ukrainian minister in charge of the same sector, Mr Dmitry Galkin, were "severely warned".

Sectarian feud

Paris (Reuters) - Five followers of the Krishna religious sect, which preaches non-violence, were charged with illegal entry and assault against two co-believers. The five, including a Briton, were arrested after a South American couple told police the group had stormed their home, tied them up and seized their possessions.

Over the bar



Tamara Bykova, the women's high jump world champion, who has denied that she is barred from leaving the Soviet Union for political reasons, explaining her absence from international events this year injury. Newspapers in West Germany and Italy claimed the 27-year-old had fallen foul of the authorities.

Seoul protest

Seoul (AFP) - About 3,000 protesters and riot police clashed here during an anti-government demonstration to commemorate the 25th anniversary of South Korea's student revolution.

Hotel blaze

Peking (Reuters) - Ten people, including five foreigners, were killed when fire swept through the top floors of a hotel in the north China city of Harbin.

Banda trip over

President Banda of Malawi ended his state visit to Britain yesterday but will remain here in a private capacity until May 6.

Greek poll deal offered

Athens - Mr Harilaos Florakis, leader of the Communist Party of Greece (KKE), pleaded yesterday his party's support to the ruling Socialists to form a government after the coming elections if they fail to win a majority in Parliament (Mario Modiano writes).

The only condition, he said, was to compromise on a minimum Government programme that would place no obstacles on the road to socialism, the kind of socialism envisaged by KKE. The timing of Greece's withdrawal from Nato and the European Community was negotiable.

The leader of the pro-Moscow party rejected suggestions that he had made a secret deal with Mr Andreas Papandreu, the socialist Prime Minister, to transfer Communist votes to the socialists in exchange for power sharing after the elections.

Mr Florakis said "at a televised news conference that this was a lie put out by the American political consultants employed by the right-wing parties."

Film 'filthy lie' say Russians

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The Soviet Embassy in Paris has protested to the French Government in the strongest terms over the televising of a semi-documentary two hour film, entitled *Confronted by War* in which a Russian army of the future is shown invading France.

The embassy said that despite an earlier protest to the French Foreign Ministry while the programme was being prepared, "this filthy lie against the Soviet people was nevertheless shown on French public service television... The function of the French authorities in this affair amounts to tacit approval of the propagation of sentiments of animosity and distrust towards the Soviet people."

It was particularly distressed that "all this is taking place at the moment when France and the USSR are celebrating the 40th anniversary of the victory over Hitler's fascism which was crushed precisely because the decisive contribution of the Soviet people. The embassy therefore demands once again

that France put a stop to the dissemination of lies."

The French Foreign office has confirmed the receipt of the Soviet note of protest, but said it had been rejected because of its "extreme tone" and because the French Government respected the principle of freedom of information.

In a separate note to the President of FR3, the French television channel which produced the film, the Soviet Ambassador spoke of the Russian people's "profound indignation" over the film which, he said, "completely distorted Soviet policy... (and) is designed to provoke hatred and hostility toward the Soviet people, and to revive the bogey of the 'Bolshevik menace'..."

The paper was particularly indignant about the turnout of M Montand, a former long-standing Communist activist. After pointing out the dangers of a Soviet attack on Europe, M Montand went out of his way to advocate a strong Western defence and support for President Reagan's "Star Wars" initiative.

In a front-page editorial, *L'Humanité* exclaimed bitterly "We saw Yves Montand insulting the supporters of peace, among whose ranks he was once to be found."

The French public was evidently less struck by the film than the Russians the French Communists. Only about 12 per cent of viewers bothered to watch, less than half the number who had tuned in to Yves Montand's first public foray into the world of right-wing politics a year ago, when he presented a two-hour documentary film on the economic crisis, which had a distinctly pro-Reaganite slant.

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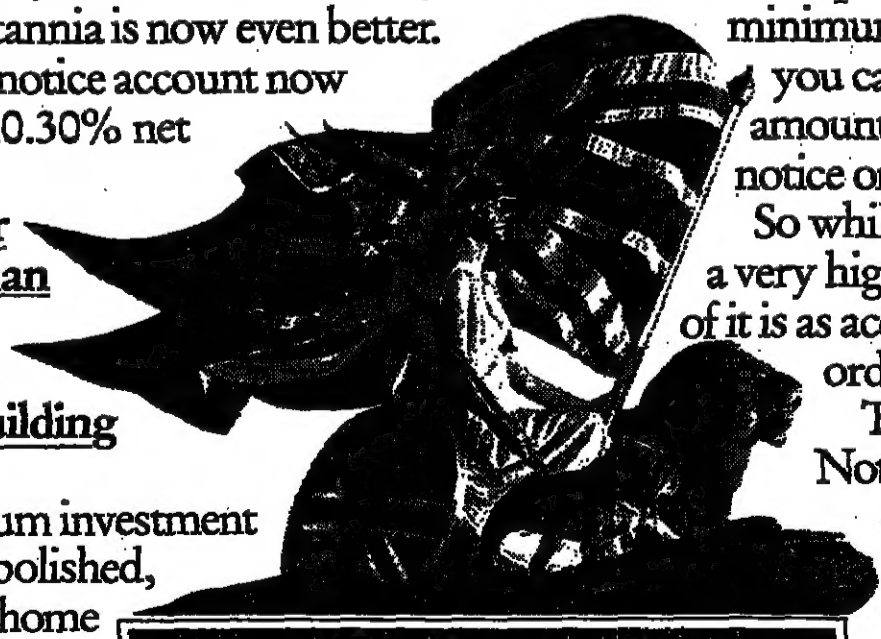
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THE ARTS

Rock

Raw conviction

Bryan Adams
Hammersmith Odeon

With patient diligence the Canadian songwriter has built a considerable international reputation since the release of his first album *Bryan Adams* in 1980. The foundation of this success has been his ability, in collusion with his partner Jim Vallance, to write masterful songs that draw on many of the traditional sources of the rock genre, but which by and large avoid the ever-increasing catalogue of predictable clichés.

In performance these songs flash like mica in the rock face: the line-up of drums, bass, guitar, and (perhaps superfluous) keyboards interlocked with enthusiastic precision behind the voice and rhythm guitar of Adams as the group tackled one concise statement after another with unaffected authority.

Rousing, anthemic songs such as "Kids Wanna Rock" (Johnny Kidd meets Chuck Berry), "Long Gone" (a hint of Bad Company) and the Stones-influenced "She's Only Happy When She's Dancing" were all

unfaltering interpretations of elemental rock.

The clipped unison strumming of Adams and guitarist Keith Scott worked to especially good effect in "One Night Love Affair" and the recent single "Somebody". Like Bruce Springsteen, with whom he has most often been compared, Adams is a singer of raw conviction and in "Summer of '69" he conveyed images of a mispent youth that sent a shiver down the spine.

The performance was remarkable for its lack of theatrics, or the familiar rock hero histrionics so often associated with "stadium" bands from the north American continent.

The square-jawed Adams, with his grown-out army haircut, wore faded jeans and a plain white shirt — one of the more radical rock-star outfits seen this year — and apart from unobtrusive lighting changes, there were no visual effects. Such lack of pretension only served to underline the genuine charisma of the group, particularly of Scott, whose easy grace around the stage complemented the assured elegance of his guitar playing.

David Sinclair

Jazz

Golden Age

John Warren
Bull's Head

Even accepting a personal rule of thumb which says that any "golden age" can be defined as the last period of intense activity preceding the first-hand knowledge of the person making the definition, there is some truth in the suggestion in the current issue of *The Wire*, an enthusiastic new British jazz magazine, that the domestic jazz scene enjoyed a special flowering about 15 years ago.

That was the time when Mike Westbrook was leading a superb band, when John Surman seemed to be in three places every night, and when Chris McGregor was putting together his first Brotherhood of Breath. The excitement of the music created a general dynamic: soon, it seemed, there would be work for everyone.

Instead, a sudden recession forced many to seek recognition and a living outside Britain. Some familiar faces of the early Seventies disappeared altogether — among them John Warren, a talented composer and arranger who contributed material to Surman's various groups, occasionally led out his own big band and made an album, *Tales of the Algonquin*, which summarized many of the virtues of the era.

A gangling Canadian with

youthful features and an air of laconic pessimism, Warren has recently surfaced to reorganize his band, now a 13-piece and including a couple of the old hands in the trombonist Malcolm Griffiths and the saxophonist Alan Skidmore.

Inevitably handicapped by lack of complete familiarity with the scores, the ensemble nevertheless made a good fist of Warren's brass chorales, unison saxophone figures and playful stop-time passages.

Practically everybody was given solo space, assisted by the sympathetic accompaniment of Geoff Castle (piano), Mick Hutton (double bass) and Steve Argüelles (drums).

The pick of the soloists was Martin Speake, a young alto saxophonist with a firm, attractive tone and a gift for phrasing in lucid, high-definition shapes.

Speake is not afraid to let air into his solos, allowing two or three bars of silence to slip by while he makes the next connection. There is no hint in his playing of that nervous compulsion to fill up all the holes common among those who have nothing to say.

With players such as Speake, his fellow saxophonist Jamie Talbot and the trumpeter Steve Waterman around, somebody may one day be calling this a golden age.

Richard Williams

Television

The meanest Mustang could become the best horse when broken, said Newman, a former rodeo champion with 60 years in and, presumably out of, the saddle. It was the same with the meanest delinquent: "He will be just as good as he was bad".

Mr Pearson, not easily taken, at first sight, for a social worker, works for VisionQuest, founded by Mr Bob Burton in the 1970s to reach the good in delinquents through adventure training, re-construction rather than breaking.

BBC2's *World About Us* has dealt with VisionQuest's famous wagon trains, manned by the self-improving young of both sexes, before. Last night they focused on the juxtaposition between delinquent and Mustang.

Mr Burton explained how the horse had transformed the life of the Red Indian and its place in American folklore. Children, he said, would love an animal when they could not love another human being. This apparently bears fruit. Eighty per cent of VisionQuest's pupils do not return to prison.

Mustangs are evidently hard to woo, manifesting a delinquency of their own. VisionQuest toughened up the would-be riders first, encouraging them to compete. They have preferred this treatment to prison and, once at the Arizona headquarters, commit themselves not to run away.

Part of the programme focused on Cubans, expelled by Castro in 1960. VisionQuest has applied its techniques to some at the US government's request. They were older than the norm, between 20 and 30 mainly, hard-looking cases with many years in Cuban prisons behind them. Some had horrific histories of sexual abuse by older inmates. They tackled their Mustangs under the sharp eye and remorseless tongue of Mr Pearson's wife Be.

The breaking in takes three months, a long hard shock, but the programme lists about a year. At the end we saw a string of Cubans, their connection with their mounts congenial, leaving for a two week trek in the wilds.

It remained only for us to be reminded that in our own country, it costs more to keep a boy in detention than to send him to Eton. VisionQuest, besides a high success rate, also makes a profit, which is part of American folklore too.

Dennis Hackett

Lulu's a winner for Watford

Lulu
Palace, Watford

With much of the beleaguered regional theatre taking cover behind Ayckbourn and O-level Shakespeare, Watford remains one of the few reps with the nerve to back its fancy, and the only one with a consistent international policy.

Whatever the weaknesses of this show, I admire Leon Rubin for taking a flutter on Wedekind in such times as these. Like Peter Barnes' 1970 version of *Lulu*, this is a two-act compression of *Earth Spirit* and *Pandora's Box*.

The adapters, Peter Tegel and Mr Rubin, cut the narrative corners sometimes at the cost of coherence and dwell too much on the role of the Ringmaster (David Pearl), a leeringly sardonic presence forever materialising out of trap doors or up among the band boys, to Alasdair MacNeill's fictitious accompaniments. But the text itself is brisk and muscular, clearly undercutting melodramatic events with gritty realities and anti-climactic jokes.

The fable of an irresistible girl who destroys all her men before herself falling victim to Jack the Ripper, *Lulu* can be seen in two totally opposite ways: either as the story of an innocent creature wrecked by the forces of conventional morality, or as an awful and thoroughly conventional warning against sexual license.

The line adopted in this production is to present a heroine who first takes her pick of the available men and then is gradually eaten alive by them. The surrounding company thus change from lovers into hungry reptiles.

In Wedekind's terms, this is simply a question of who is the strongest: and Lulu has nothing to reproach her predators with.

Shakers

King's Head

"Shakers" is one of the new breed of cocktail joints where vaguely alcoholic fusts mingles with paper parrots are sipped by giggling young ladies and their yobish swains. The decor is lush, the lighting artful, and Grace Jones has been singing for ever.

Four waitresses in a uniform

of white half-sleeve shirts, black stretch pants, high heels and dinky bow ties catalogue the dubious joys of their employment: sore feet, the pretensions of the punters, the grotesque complexity of the concoctions on offer. The obviously salacious connotations of names like Between The Sheets and Slow Comfortable Screw set the tone for much of what follows. It is all horribly authentic, and so too are the very bad jokes the punters make, which come

across the footlights as... very bad jokes.

The writing of this Hull Truck Company production is credited to John Godber, author of *Up 'n' Under*, and Jane Thornton. It is an uneasy collaboration. Mr Godber's band may readily be seen in the cartoon-like routines that combine group mime and voiced sound effects, and in producing the play he shows his real strength: Miss Thornton's contribution is more equivocal.

What she lacks is sheer animal magnetism: and this automatically excludes the voyeuristic elements which — even without the Ringmaster's nudging — is an integral part of the play.

Two outstanding performances emerge from the able surrounding company: Heather Canning as the poised, inwardly

tormented Countess Geschwitz, Lulu's lesbian lover; and increasingly desperate John Woodvine/Schön, an old lecher vainly trying to go straight. When Lulu puts a bullet into him and he expires with the one word "dammit", horror and comedy meet in rare conjunction.

Irving Wardle

Martin Cropper

Stephen Pettitt

Hilary Finch

ment won the day: where threadbare patches peeped through the voice, a "us-la-la" would provide a willing springboard, or an "Ole!" an escape of supreme élan. And where the heart was worn just too relentlessly on the sleeve, there was Geoffrey Parsons, using the piano as a sounding board every bit as sensitive to each second's resonance as the vocal chords themselves.

The programme was calculated to make Hispanophiles of the best of us. It was delightful to taste the nonchalance of Carlos Guastavino, the simple ardour of Turina's hymn to the Virgin, and to be lashed into shape once again by the witty whip of Falla's "Seguidilla murciana".

De los Angeles/Parsons Wigmore Hall

She sailed out On Wings of Song, and threw a capricious glance or two in the direction of Lilius Pastias. But the wind that blew southerly for Victoria de los Angeles in her third encore was unmistakably a mistral; indeed, those three songs were the only signs of life north and east of the Pyrenees in an exclusively Spanish recital.

There is, most happily, something about Spanish vowels that seems to keep the voice suspended in a state of agelessness. And 30 regular London seasons on, there was not the slightest chance either that custom would stale the infinite variety of the lady. As the programme moved from *aria antiche* of the Spanish baroque through Granados, Toldrà and Falla to the twentieth century and Rodrigo, so the voice would modulate its style and purpose, within a cunningly circumscribed range of pitch and expression.

From the poise of a hummed envoi, light as a breeze, to a tiny eighteenth-century meditation on a vine branch, it could become childlike, vulnerable, for a Christmas carol in Portuguese by Cristóbal Halffter, or coarsen to a harpy-like walling in the Gallego dialect songs of Joaquín Nin.

Disguise proved most effective distraction. Where musical substance was slight, vivacious and seductive stage-manage

● The City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and Simon Rattle are to make their first visit to Italy, giving the first two of their seven concerts, on May 20 and 21, as part of the Maggio Musicale in Florence. Their final concert, on May 27, is in La Scala, Milan.

● The Royal Opera is to appear at the 1985 Athens Festival, which this year forms a major part of the EEC's designation of Athens as the "cultural city of Europe 1985." The company will perform at the outdoor Herod Atticus Theatre beneath the Parthenon, giving two performances each of Verdi's *Macbeth* (July 18 and 20) and Tippett's *King Priam* (July 19 and 21).

Theatre

Radio

Taking the screws off

One of the most alarming things about President Reagan's Star Wars scheme is that anybody — and especially the man and his advisers who run a super-power — should believe it is going to work. Here is another amazing example of hypnosis by technological fix to which, it seems, we continue to fall victim with unabated enthusiasm in spite of the fact, repeatedly demonstrated, that anything A can devise to put the screws on B, the said B will either learn to evade or improve on with the object of putting the screws on A. And so ad infinitum. If Buried Alive (Radio 4, April 14, repeated 17; producers, David Harding and Gerry Northam) is to be believed, the Americans have fallen, and the British are about to fail, for another operation of the fix — this time in respect of the design and management of prisons.

Mr Northam, who also presented the programme, had been to visit two "New Generation" prisons in the United States — Mecklenburg and the romantically named Oak Park Heights. Each has been specially designed, both architecturally and electronically, not only to keep the prisoners in but to prevent the forming of gangs and of circumstances leading to riot: basically this means organization in small cell groups and a very high degree of sophisticated surveillance. Does the system work? In Mecklenburg, apparently not — the inmates of its Death Row, for instance, managed to take the place over; but at Oak Park Heights not only have there been no escapes and no killings in three years, but a prisoner was heard to confess that for the first time he felt safe in prison.

The difference seems to lie — surprise, surprise — in the way each place is run: Mecklenburg in a traditionally hostile and disciplinary fashion; Oak Park Heights by a man who previously brought about dramatic improvements in a "standard" prison and who, without compromising, maintains some kind of human contact with his charges. Predictably and in disregard of his record he seems to have been labelled as liberal and suspect. All in all then, this was an absorbing and well made programme.

When it first appeared this time last year I found cause to complain of *It's Your World*

(Radio 4, Sundays; producers, Liz Mardall, Margaret Hall and Dan Zerdin) as another example of intoxication by technological fix and the beginning of this new eight part series made jointly by *Woman Hour* and the World Service has done nothing to alter my opinion. The engineering is astonishing: from Australia, from Singapore, from Florida, from Newbury, Berks, the callers come in, clear and, as far as their command of English allows, intelligible. Last Sunday Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan answered questions on famine, its relief and other humanitarian matters from a London studio in faultless BBC English. But the week before — oh, (forgive me, ye classicists) *technologia triumphans*! — Huan Xiang, senior Chinese foreign affairs man, was sitting in Peking and his command of our language, though tolerable and far exceeding mine of Chinese, was such as to oblige the resourceful Sue MacGregor to interpret not only some of the questions, but a good many of his answers.

This seemed to typify the whole venture and indeed much of what in broadcasting passes for communication: much speaking, very little understanding by the fact that international figures of the kind that find their way on to *It's Your World* are much too canny to say anything that isn't at bottom a prepared statement. And of course this programme has the additional disadvantage in my ears of (a) having displaced *The Food Programme* on an earlier hour; (b) giving us night on two solid hours of current affairs.

Technology in one of its simpler aspects was a bit too much for BBC Local Radio (North) whose otherwise helpful cassette of the winning play in a Radio Leeds/West Yorkshire County Council competition managed to omit the very beginning, the very end and a small patch in the middle. So I am unable to give any credits to the excellent cast of Shelf Life, although the accompanying blurbs did mention Alan Ayckbourn as chairman of judges and producer. However I heard enough to recognise in Graham Barker a rather deserving winner for this rueful little play, set — like six years of its author's life — in a public library.

David Wade

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Past the ribbon

Remember Tony Hancock in *The Blood Donor*, earnestly asking if there might be a badge to commemorate his contribution? As they cross the finishing line in tomorrow's London Marathon, competitors feeling a similar need for recognition can be reassured. Mars, the race's sponsors, have forked out for some 21,000 bronze medals to be awarded to all those who complete the course. Birmingham Mint Products, who usually produce the medals for such events as the FA Cup Final, have used more than a ton of metal and 13 miles of red and white ribbon to complete the order. The medals will feature the London Marathon logo - the word "Mars" flying over Tower Bridge - on one side, with views of the Tower, Buckingham Palace and County Hall, all landmarks on the race's route, on the other. Any medals left unclaimed will be returned to the mint and melted down, so if somebody staggers into the office on Monday morning wearing one, they really did finish. Athletic footnotes: not many people know this, but it would take 415,305 Mars bars laid end to end to cover the marathon distance of 26 miles and 385 yards.

Down to earth

Bangu, an obscure Brazilian football club, braced themselves for a move into the stratosphere when a supporter, Luis Oviedo Teixeira da Silva, died and left it all his money, rumoured to exceed £120 million. "In a short time we can become one of the most powerful clubs in South America," said the club's president. But latest reports indicate that da Silva was not quite as rich as people thought. The club might get no more than £100,000.

Bravo, Soho

Now that the English first division title seems to be Everton's, football fans looking for a fiercer finish might consider the Italian league. The leaders, unfashionable Verona, are being hounded by a quartet of teams. Michel Platini's Juventus and Giuseppe Sampedda's Sampdoria included, all four points behind with five games to play. The Italian league has received little television coverage over here, so it has been left to the small but hugely atmospheric Bar Italia in Soho to fill the gap. By tea-time each Wednesday, the coffee bar has usually acquired a tape of Italian television's splendid *La Domenica Sportiva* programme to play to an enthusiastic audience. The show features goal highlights from all eight matches in the first division, together with interviews and panel discussions and you don't have to understand Italian to know who's won or lost. With large-screen projection, foaming cappuccino and an atmosphere straight out of Scorsese's *Mean Streets*, the Bar Italia knocks the spots off watching *The Big Match* at home on the settee.

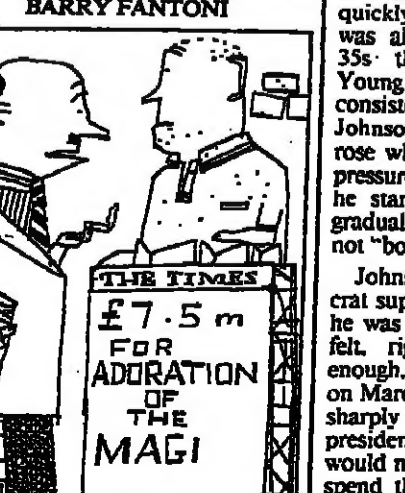
Pay the game

Filming in Liverpool last weekend for a forthcoming BBC series about a sports journalist, *Hold the Back Page!*, one of the actors asked me if a certain exchange was really credible - a footballer demands a payment from a journalist enquiring about the player's injury. Before I could reply, a photographer from the local paper stepped in. Flying back from Munich with Everton after their valuable draw in the Cup Winners' Cup against Bayern 10 days ago, he was photographing the celebrating team when one of the defenders approached him. "As we got a result, we'll forget the usual fee - just give us your duty-free instead," the player suggested. The photographer surrendered - as subsequently did the actor.

Horse's mouth

As an occasional and sentimental punter, I still cling to a hopelessly romantic notion of equine nobility - thundering hooves in the early morning mist, the rider's hat flying. Visiting a racing stable for the first time last month, I enquired of the head lad what sort of specialist handling such finely-tuned animals required. Well, it appears that two of the top inmates have such dietary supplements as a bag of chips and corned beef sandwiches, while a third enjoys an occasional chicken or two. A fourth, highly regarded, won't leave his box unless accompanied by his pet goat. I couldn't find one that ate Mars bars, but if any of this endearing lot finish a race, I'll give them a medal myself.

BARRY FANTONI



"Funny, I thought her popularity was slipping"

Saigon fell 10 years ago this month. Paul Johnson reflects on the paralyzing effect on US readiness to oppose Soviet expansionism - until Reagan

The fall of Saigon in 1975 and the decade that has followed illustrate a maxim endorsed by wise historians. It is willpower, rather than physical power, which determines the outcome of wars.

In analysing the 40-year tragedy of Indochina we must never forget that from 1945 onwards it was the determination of Ho Chi Minh, the communist leader, and his successors to dominate all of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, which was the principal dynamic of the struggle and the ultimate cause of all the bloodshed. They refused to allow their aim to be deflected in the smallest degree by the appalling casualties their subjects suffered or inflicted. The accusations of genocide hurled at the Americans thus have a bitter irony. It was the communists who never lost the will to rule, at any cost.

The Americans, by contrast, lacked a clear aim from the start, and lacking an aim how could they find the will to achieve it? He himself owed his initial position to the sponsorship of the American Office of Strategic Services (precursor of the CIA) during its anti-colonialist phase. Truman later reversed the policy and backed the French. But it was Eisenhower who committed America's original sin in Vietnam. When the French pulled out in 1954 and the country was partitioned, he acquiesced in the refusal of the South to submit to the electoral process. That in effect committed the US to sustaining the Saigon regime.

If Eisenhower had fought the Vietnam war the outcome would have been quite different. Being a military man, he knew that the key to success in war is to hit the enemy with overwhelming force and to win it until he surrenders. The notion of fighting a war of restraint, with one eye on the headlines, was to him a contradiction in terms.

Unfortunately the active phase of the war was conducted by two civilians, Kennedy and Johnson, who attempted to do precisely that. Kennedy committed US troops in tiny injections, which acted like a vaccine to immunize the Vietnam to the full impact of American power as it came.

Johnson did the same with US air power. The USAF told him it could get results only if the air offensive was heavy, swift, repeated endlessly, and without restraint. With political restrictions, it promised nothing. Yet from start to finish, Johnson limited the bombing by restrictions which were entirely political. Every Tuesday he had a lunch conference at which he determined targets and bomb-weights.

Thus the bombing intensified very slowly, and the Vietnam had time to build shelters and adjust. When Russia sent defensive missiles, US bombers were not allowed to attack while the sites were under construction. In addition to target and bomb-weight limits, there were 16 "bombing pauses", none of which evoked the slightest response, and no less than 72 American "peace initiatives", all ignored.

In a media democracy such as America, to fight such a hesitant war was to invite dissension on the home front. It duly came in 1967, when the East Coast media, hitherto enthusiastic supporters of US intervention, began to desert. In due course, the Seven Deadly Sins of the US media - the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *ABC*, *CBS* and *NBC* - struck at the will to continue, not so much by their editorializing as by their deeply pessimistic and critical reporting.

Vietnam was lost not on the ground, but in the media. The key episode was the communist Tet offensive on January 30, 1968. For the first time the communists conducted a major offensive in the open. Its object was to achieve complete tactical success and detonate a mass uprising. It failed in both; the Vietnam suffered heavy casualties.

Majority supported the war, but the media said otherwise

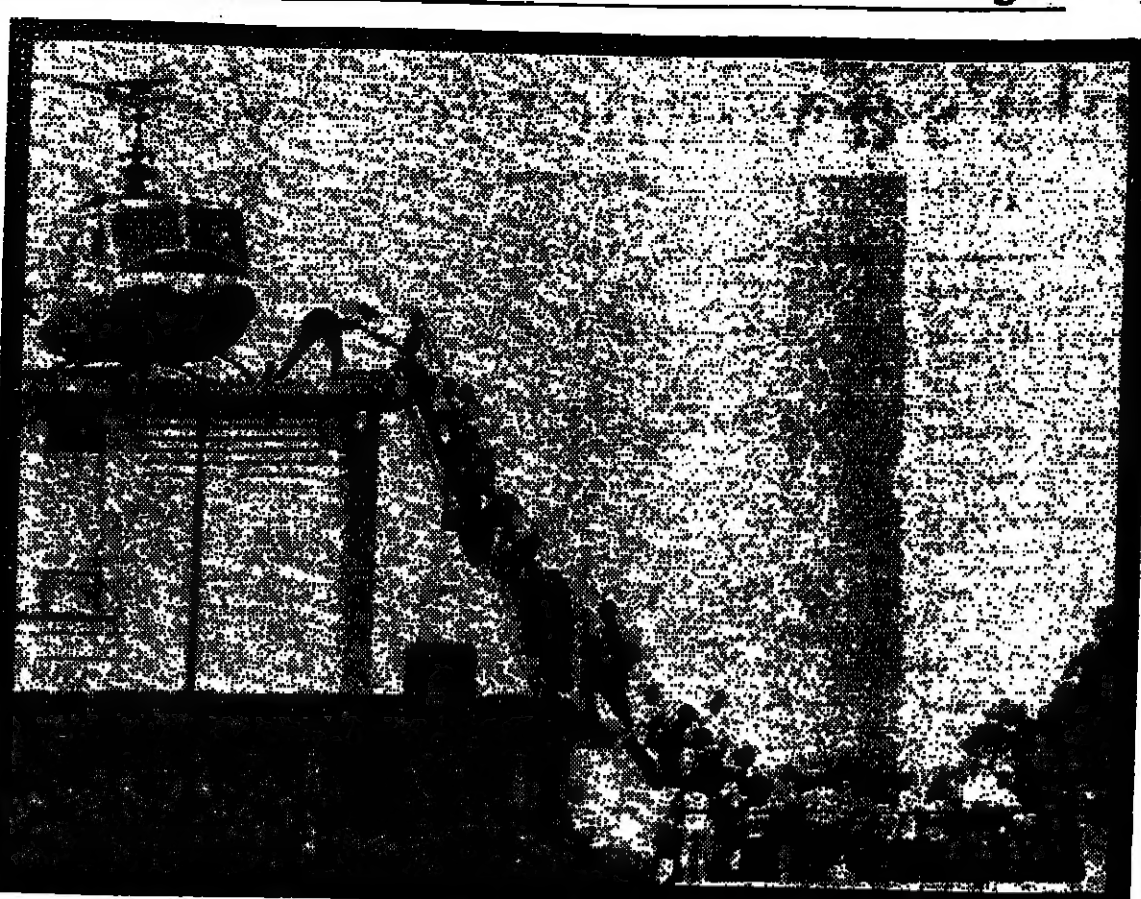
But the American media, especially the TV networks, presented it as a decisive communist victory, the American equivalent of the disaster at Dien Bien Phu which led the French to pull out. An elaborate study by Peter Branstetter, published in 1977, shows how the media's reversal of the truth (not deliberate, on the whole) came about.

The media similarly distorted the attitude of the American people to the war. The assertion, now a platitude, that there was a great way away from the war in public opinion, above all among the young, is not true. Analysis of countless polls shows that support for withdrawal was never more than 20 per cent until after the November 1968 election, by which time the decision to pull out had already been taken.

Most Americans, in fact, had the right instincts: they wanted the war intensified, so that it could be won, quickly. Support for this policy was always greater among under-35s than among older people. Young white males were the most consistent group backing escalation. Johnson's popularity ratings always rose when he piled on the military pressure: it leapt by 14 points when he started the bombing, then fell gradually as people realized he was not "bombing to kill".

Johnson's working-class Democrat supporters left him not because he was too tough but because they felt, rightly, he was not tough enough. He himself finally lost heart on March 12 1968 when his vote fell sharply in the New Hampshire presidential primary. He said he would not seek reelection but would spend the rest of his term making peace in Vietnam.

Careful analysis of the primary voting figures showed that, among anti-Johnson voters, the hawks outnumbered the doves by three to



April 29, 1975: as the communists close in, foreign nationals flee Saigon by US naval helicopter.

Vietnam: the vicious legacy

two. But Johnson accepted the media's false interpretation of what the nation wanted. So it was not the American people who lost stomach for the fight: it was the American leadership.

Hence by the time Richard Nixon took over the presidency early in 1969 the decision to end the war in one way or another had effectively been taken. Over four difficult years, he negotiated skillfully with Hanoi, in the meantime transforming the geopolitics of the Far East by the new China policy. Although the US military force in Vietnam was steadily reduced, by the end of 1972 Nixon had succeeded in forcing Hanoi to accept two basic conditions. As Henry Kissinger has summarized them, "America would not end the war by overthrowing an allied government. Nor would it forgo the right to assist people who had fought valiantly at its side".

On January 27, 1973, the "Agreement on Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Vietnam", signed by both sides, reserved America's right to maintain aircraft carriers in Indochinese waters and to use aircraft stationed in Taiwan and Thailand if Hanoi broke the accord. So long as Nixon held office, would have been more than enough to ensure the independence of the South, as well as Laos and Cambodia.

But Nixon was soon swept from power by the media *putsch* known as Watergate. This episode can be seen either as one of those spasms of self-righteous moral hysteria to which America seems peculiarly prone or as a deliberate attempt to reverse the popular verdict of the 1972 election. It was a bit of both, probably. But for the men in Hanoi it was an unconvincing stroke of fortune, and for the Soviet world generally it was the opportunity it had been waiting for since Truman, in 1945, began the process of resisting the advance of Communism all over the globe - a collapse of American will.

It was not just that Nixon, a powerful and wily president with a huge popular mandate, was replaced in the most difficult circumstances possible by the inexperienced Gerald Ford, who had not been elected at all. It was also that, temporarily at least, under the imperious and still more Watergate, the balance of power had swung from the White House to Congress.

In 1973 the War Powers Resolution, passed over Nixon's veto, imposed unprecedented restraints on the power of the president to commit US forces abroad. Further limitations on presidential foreign policy were imposed by the Jackson-Vanik and Stevenson amendments of 1973-74. The CIA was virtually anesthetized by Congress.

In 1974 Congress successfully prevented the president from taking active measures in Cyprus, and in 1975 in Angola. It passed the Arms Export Control Act, abolishing presidential discretion in arms supply. It used financial controls to limit "presidential agreements" (as opposed to treaties) with foreign powers. 6,300 of which had been

made in the 33 years 1946-74. No fewer than 30 congressional committees, now supervised every aspect of the president's work in foreign and defence policy.

Against this background, there was little that Gerald Ford could do when the North Vietnamese broke the accord and launched a general invasion of the south. Twice, in January and March 1975, Ford made desperate appeals to Congress.

Congress did nothing. Saigon fell. Then came the real genocide. We shall never know how many of the people of South Vietnam were massacred. By 1977 a fifth of the population was in exile, 200,000 in political prisons. But the worst atrocities were committed in Cambodia by the communist Khmer Rouge, which entered the capital in mid-April, shortly before the fall of Saigon.

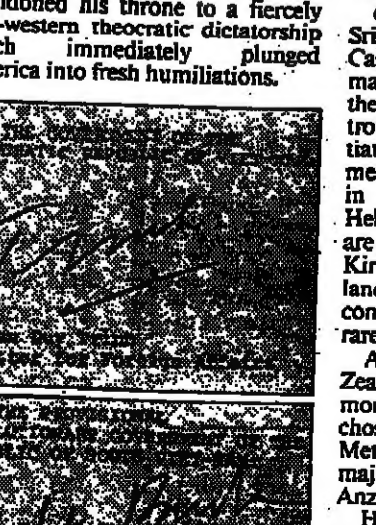
Africa prime target in Moscow's new adventures abroad

Between April 1975 and the beginning of 1977, 100,000 Cambodians were executed, 20,000 died trying to flee, 400,000 in a forced exodus from the towns and 680,000 in prison camps and "villages" - a total of 1.2 million, a fifth of the population. That was the price Indochina had to pay so that America's Fourth Estate might enjoy unlimited licence.

America's humiliation and the evident paralysis of its presidency encouraged the Soviet Union to make a series of forward moves of a kind it had not attempted since Stalin's day (with the one exception of the abortive Cuban venture in 1962). Africa was the prime target, with the ultimate object of replacing the white regime in South Africa with a black Marxist one, thus giving Russia naval predominance in the southern oceans and control over the largest and most varied deposits of minerals in the world, after its own.

In December 1975, eight months after the Saigon collapse, the first Cuban troops, under Soviet naval escort, landed in Angola. The next year they moved into Ethiopia and into Central and East Africa. By the end of the 1970s there were ten Marxist African states, some with Cuban garrisons, providing Russia with diplomatic and propaganda support, economic access and military bases.

The second half of the 1970s, marked by growing economic crisis in the West and a falling US dollar, was distinguished by American paralysis or retreat all over the world, and by the unremitting advance by Russia and its surrogates. At the beginning of 1979, deserted by Washington, the Shah of Iran - America's most important ally in western Asia and the Gulf - abandoned his throne to a fiercely anti-western theocratic dictatorship which immediately plunged America into fresh humiliations.



January 27, 1973: the four-party agreement ending the war. Then came Watergate - and the communist onslaught

Woodrow Wyatt

Throw the book at Scargill

While the Trade Union Act 1984 was gestating I wrote in *The Times* in November 1983, and in February and June in 1984, of the dangers of not making postal ballots compulsory in union elections. The Department of Employment, anxious not to disturb a cosy relationship with the trade union leaders, elected by far from democratic procedures, resisted.

Although voting at branches was excluded workplace ballots were allowed, albeit with, on paper, tough conditions. As this part of the Act is not in force until October these conditions were not tested in last summer's Transport and General Workers Union workplace elections for a new general secretary. Nor will they apply in the ballots beginning on Monday in some 30,000 workplaces for the election of a new executive of the largest civil service union, the CPSA. The new statutory practices for workplace ballots introduced by Tom King, the Employment Secretary, should help, but the possibility of serious irregularities remains high.

I applaud the initiative of the Liberal/SDP Alliance in causing the matter to be debated next Tuesday. I hope Mr King will now after his Act to make postal ballots for union executives compulsory. It is what the members want, it need cost the unions nothing, and it will have to come in the end: so why not now?

But this is not the only new legislation required. Mr Scargill and the NUM executive are working hard to eliminate or curtail members' rights. For the Special Rules Revision Conference this July an agenda for an entirely new rule book has been issued. The probability is that new rules will be passed by the delegates who supported Scargill in the miners' strike. There are some remarkable propositions which will form parts of the contract between the NUM and its members, who will be thrown out of the union if any part of it is broken.

The basis of the successful court actions taken by working miners during the strike was that the NUM executive had breached the union rules. There was no bar in the old rules to such court actions. Now if they are mounted by aggrieved miners it will be they, who are breaking the union rules, not the NUM executive.

The new grievance procedure begins: "No member, person claiming under these rules, shall make any application to any court until the procedure established by these rules is exhausted". Six stages must be gone through before a final decision is given by the executive. Each stage, from branch upwards, can readily be spun out to take four months. Two years may pass before a grievance which needed urgent remedy by a court finally reaches the executive.

If the new rule had been in effect during the miners' strike members would have been unable to get the courts to declare the strike unofficial and illegal. Mr King should promptly make unlawful any attempt by any union to restrict its members' access to the courts.

And what about this one? Indemnification may be given for any action of a union official or delegate "whether in accordance with these rules or otherwise so long as such act was done with the prior or subsequent (my italics) consent of conference". This means that

Scargill will be able to purge his contempt of court without risking any legal action against him by members for losing the union's money through fines and sequestration, in pursuance of conduct contrary to union rules.

In effect the indemnity is *per se* and proper *hoc* as any member starting a fresh court action arising from newly disclosed actions during the strike will be expelled from the union. All skeletons will be buried beyond the reach of the law.

Under the old rules any member could ask to see union financial books and take an accountant with him to explain their meaning. Even during the strike union financial dealings were revealed in this way up to and including the date of the examination.

Under the new rules an untutored member will not be allowed any professional adviser to help him understand the books. Nor will he be allowed to see anything but the last audited accounts. So in March 1985 a member would only have been allowed to see the accounts to the end of the year 1983 and would not have the slightest idea of what the union had been doing with his money since the strike began in March 1984.

The new rules deprive Mr Scargill of a vote on the executive so that he would not have to stand for re-election before his retirement at 65. As he usually dominates the executive he does not need his vote. Another of Mr King's amendments should be to ensure that any member of an executive must stand for re-election at the times prescribed in the 1984 Act, whether he has a vote or not.

Then there is the curiosity of the new rules for industrial action. These concede that there must be a ballot before a national strike can be called. But proposed rule 26C gives the executive "power to call industrial action by any group of members whether in one or part of one or more than one area" without any mention of a ballot. That was how the last strike was started.

There are more horrors in the proposed new rules. Among them is the power of the executive to create any number of associate members of the NUM from people in no way connected with the union. Communists, Trotskyists and members of women support groups could be recruited to act as strike pickets and to intimidate moderate union members at meetings.

Mr Scargill makes clear his intention to control the NUM by circumscribing his members' legal and democratic rights and by having available sympathisers from other unions to overcome internal opposition. Mr King should look sharply at the proposed new NUM rules to see what legislation is needed to outlaw their most objectionable features, which most doubtless be copied by other unions controlled by extremists. If these rules are passed, and found to be legal, the miners will be forced to set up a new union to avoid slavery in the old one.

It will be more than two years before the next union executive elections, which the law will require to be by individual ballot, offers a hope of change. Meanwhile Mr Scargill and his present executive are, through their proposed rules revision, putting themselves in a position from which they can cause extensive damage, with their members helpless to stop them.

Stewart Tendler

Grieving for a swatted fly

To say that the Broken Hooks Piscatorial Society was dumbfounded is for once not journalistic hyperbole or licence. No one could believe his ears. The Dog Nobbler was banned from a national competition.

We were gathered as usual in the snug of the Weeping Wader to consider our entries for the coming season. Such occasions do take up much time given our small membership and their slim talents but in our society we do these things properly.

A piece of crested notepaper and pen lay to hand. Entry forms were scattered among the glasses when I happened during our discussions to examine the rules for a competition about to start in a few weeks, and there was the declaration in big black letters: "The organizers have deemed the Dog Nobbler in all colours, sizes and general shapes not to be a true fishing fly for the purposes of the contest."

I read the rules slowly to the members. We knew what lay behind those words. We had felt the heat of the charged debate which has raged through angling circles for many a month. Why, there was the meeting of a reservoir association where a bailiff challenged the Nobbler and had to be smuggled from the meeting afterwards to avoid irate anglers.

There are those who say that the divisions over the Nobbler - not to mention the less popular Waggle - will run as deep as those bygone arguments over the nymph. They may be as difficult to bridge as the chasm between southern dry fly purists and the northern wet fly men.

For those who do not know what the Dog Nobbler is, let me explain. It is simply a long shanked hook covered with bright, furry material. It has a wispy tail and a piece of lead shot (or artificial substitute *pace* swan lovers everywhere) is stuck close to the eye. Sometimes little white eyes are painted on the lead. The colours of these flies vary but enthusiasts are greatly moved by

RAF Hawker Harrier Hot Yellow, Martian Superman Purple and Blazing Bloodstreak Scarlet.

Now the basic principle of fly fishing, at about the time of I. Walton, Esq. was to catch your fish by presenting it with an imitation of a natural fly built round a hook. There is as far as is known in aquatic life nothing that resembles the Nobbler but then these are not the days of Walton.

The fly was designed to sink deep, attracting cruising fish by its movement and colour as it is brought through the water. Those who object to the fly say its tail and spinning methods of fishing, i.e. too close to the coarse. Those in favour say it catches fish.

Indeed it does. Perhaps the trout get bored dodging imitation Tiddlers made to the Colonel F. P. O'Budgen pattern cascading on them from the banks. Maybe the Nobbler satisfies some exotic lust.

Having landed a fine brown trout on a northern river last year (I will not name the place in case they too are tempted to change their rules) with an orange Nobbler I fell upon me to comment. How could we take part in competitions when our hands were to be tied, I asked? The Hon Sec asked what cast was used when both hands were tied. Someone told him and he subsided.

What chance would we have against dappers and nonchalant nymphs? Would they have banned the famous colonel who used a piece of copper wire wrapped round a hook? No doubt they would have done.

Who dares to set rules on the solitary pursuit of fly fishing where the only true limit is guile and experience? Perhaps it is the competitions that should be banned? Were we to become like coarse men and spend our days in serious rows casting by the clock, marshaled by men with clipboards or loudhailers? Freedom for the Dog Nobbler, said the Northern member. Freedom for the Dog Nobbler, cried as I tore up the entry form.



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MR BOTHA'S RUNAWAY TRAIN

When the dust has settled on this week's events in Southern Africa little will have changed in Namibia or Angola, but a profound psychological shift will have occurred in South Africa itself. President Botha's decision to scrap laws barring sex and marriage across the colour line, removes one of the more obnoxious aspects of apartheid. The sex laws were regarded for so long as being a fundamental pillar of South African society. If the South African government can be persuaded to alter its views on matters like sex which were once believed to be sacrosanct, then there is still reason to hope that government policy on other aspects of apartheid might yet change.

There is still a long way to go. The core of apartheid laws is preserved intact. The Group Areas Act determines where whites, Indians, Coloureds and blacks may live. Schools are racially segregated. Blacks are excluded from political representation. Above all, apartheid remains the central objective of government policy and the vast majority of the white population wants to keep it that way.

Nevertheless, in terms of a society which is facing changes considered to be almost revol-

utionary, the advances made in recent years in race reform have been significant. Black rights have advanced; for example, in the field of trade unions and property ownership. Limited political representation has been granted to the minority Indian and Coloured communities. Even if the government's reformist strategy has been cautious, it at least appears to have been moving in the right direction.

The difficulty is that it has not moved fast enough. Changes in the sex laws do little to meet the rising tide of black protest against the whole system of apartheid. The government's reformist strategy is based on the economic and social prospects of "middle class" blacks, enough of them can be won over to the government's side to act as a buffer between the state and the urban working class majority. The concessions Mr Botha adumbrated yesterday carry forward that policy by conferring freehold rights on blacks in the white republic. Yet, as recent attacks on black councillors and policemen indicate, it may be too late for the policy to bring the required response. Moreover, President

Botha is left with few credible options to satisfy black political aspirations once he has ruled out any form of black representation in the central institutions of State.

Another danger facing President Botha is the possibility of a white backlash. Segregationist Afrikaners have persistently attacked Botha's reform programme, maintaining that every concession that he makes is a betrayal of the historic ideals of the Afrikaner nation, certain to lead eventually to the collapse of white rule. Their movement is gathering momentum, as it has on many previous occasions when Afrikanism has divided. Recent parliamentary by-elections have shown that a large proportion of Afrikaner voters are also worried about the economic recession as well as being uneasy about the prospect of black advancement.

Finding a way between white intransigence and black frustration is no easy task. Botha's tactics of decompression have so far been to mix traditional methods of repression with unexpected reforms. In present circumstances, that is the best that South Africa can now expect.

TIME TO SOW A STRATEGY

Fifteen million tonnes of unsold grain in the European community are expected to be carried forward into this year's harvest. So the commission has proposed a 3.6 per cent cut in cereal prices on average. The British government wants a 5 per cent cut. The German government, a recent convert from providence to prodigality, wants no cut at all. Yet there is still such scope for increasing yields in cereal production that none of those proposals is sufficient to dent the surplus, since it remains open to farmers to recoup what they would lose in slightly lower prices by raising their level of output.

Meanwhile if the United States administration pushes through its farm policy and if the dollar remains weak, the cost of disposing of the CAP's cumulative surpluses on world markets would be set to bust the lately agreed guidelines that would hold growth of the Community's expenditure on agricultural support to a rate no faster than that of the Community's "own resources". At that point there would either have to be a cut in the intervention prices of grains so drastic as to knock the cereal component out of much mixed

farming and cause casualties among smaller tillage farms besides, or there would have to be cereal quotas in spite of the bureaucratic penalties which their application to the dairy sector has exemplified.

This is only one of the matters that cloud the agricultural prospect this spring. Farmers can be expected to read the market signals for themselves, as they used to read the weather signs before the wireless saved them the trouble, but they cannot be expected to read the mind of government, a third determinant of their condition. The last piece of broad official guidance they received was a white paper setting the objective of greater national self-sufficiency in food by maximizing production. Events have plainly overtaken it. Yet when Mr Jopling, the minister of agriculture, was asked again on Thursday if he would issue a paper outlining a general strategy for the industry, he replied that now was not an appropriate time because of all the uncertainties.

It is precisely that which make it so necessary to have a statement from the Government. For example, one possible response to a persistent price

squeeze in conditions of chronic surplus production is for farmers to put their operations on a lower plateau of intensity, to seek a lower-input, lower-output balance without loss of profit margins. When the director of the Agricultural Development and Advisory Service (Adas) was asked by a Commons committee this week about Adas's ability to offer farmers advice on low-cost methods all he would say was that it depended on future government policy.

There are other areas of uncertainty, like the much-contested frontier between farming and conservation. There too the Government sows uncertainty. Mr Jopling himself has had some positive things to say about the place of conservation in agricultural policy. But when Dr David Clark introduced his Bill to amend the Wildlife and Countryside Act the Government caused to be struck out a clause which would have laid on the ministry of agriculture a duty to further conservation in the course of its grant and advice giving functions.

There is a pressing need now for a strategy paper to update agricultural policy and place it in the context of the rural economy as a whole.

PUNJAB POWDER-KEG

With the announcement last week of major concessions to India's Sikhs, Mr Rajiv Gandhi's government took the first significant steps toward seeking a solution to one of its most difficult problems.

With the shooting of a senior official of his party in Amritsar yesterday Sikh extremists indicated that the rest of the journey will not be easy. The problem now is how can Mr Gandhi reach over the extremists to the moderates who are prepared to deal with him?

The original Sikh demands are a mixture of religious, economic and political issues which together express the sense of frustration and injustice shared by the community. To these, following the events of 1984, were added a list of more recent issues, the most important of which was the call for an inquiry into the deaths of some 2,700 Sikhs in the November massacre. Altogether, what faces the Rajiv Gandhi government in 1985 is a charter of Sikh grievances which with each passing day come to be more deeply held and serve to both justify and exacerbate the community's sense of deliberate denial.

That the Indian government had to act was clear. That this action would have to be in the form of sweeping concessions was undeniable. The question

was: what concessions would it make? For its part the Sikh political party, the Akali Dal, had predicated all negotiations with the condition that the government first grant an inquiry into November's killings. But fear of exposing his own party's involvement, already widely alleged in the Indian press, held Rajiv Gandhi back.

Last Thursday he broke this impasse. In a gesture of rare political courage and wisdom his government simultaneously conceded the demand for an inquiry, promised to release Sikh political prisoners and lifted its own ban on the all-India Sikh Students Federation, a group earlier proscribed for its militancy.

Rajiv Gandhi for his own part had cleared the table for talks with the Sikhs. But the extremists will not talk to him and the moderates cannot. This is because the extremists refuse to do so and the moderates are not allowed to. Although stronger than before, they still stand discredited in the Sikh community. Accused of surrendering to soldiers who invaded the Golden Temple they are today uncertain of their following and unable to present any political compromise they arrive at as a victory to their own people.

Worse still, as of yesterday, they are now under pressure from extremists not to meet the

government. As in the past this pressure is applied every time a breakthrough seems imminent. Yesterday's shooting in Amritsar fits this bill and is intended to damage the present conciliatory atmosphere.

So if Mr Gandhi waits till the moderates can meet him he may have to wait a very long time indeed. By then of course the remaining momentum of his concessions will be lost and the mood in the Punjab turn sour once again.

What he must therefore do is unilaterally and in the same generous spirit he exhibited last week, announce the further concessions his government is prepared to make. He has already hinted at his willingness to concede Chandigarh to Punjab as its sole capital and to submit Sikh demands for a greater share of irrigation water and political power at the State level to national commissions for further study. Let him then formally announce these decisions. At worst if the Akalis under extremist influence still stay away from talks he will have shown up their behaviour as political treachery. He would in that event still stand a good chance of wearing away their support. While at best he could outmanoeuvre the extremists and, by granting the concessions most Sikhs are united behind, actually solve the crisis.

Poaching of rhinos

From Mr Paul N. Cullen
Sir, I have recently returned from a business/holiday trip to Harare, during which I spent a few days on safari camp in the Zambezi valley.

On Monday, April 1, two black rhino were killed by poachers who crossed the Zambezi from Zambia. One animal was a three-year-old female and was shot through the lung, the other an adult cow carrying a near full term foetus.

The second animal was found 1,000 short from the first and had been shot four times, once in a front leg, the rest in the body. In both cases the horns had been removed with an axe.

National park wardens called to the scene discovered, with the aid of a metal detector, a number of 0.375

inch rounds in and around the corpses.

So far this year 21 black rhinos have been poached, but it is feared that as the veldt thins out during the dry season, more corpses will be found.

Since January, five poachers have been caught, all from Zambia, and one group confessed that they had killed up to six rhinos in one day. The reasons for an increase in activity are twofold.

Firstly, the black rhino has been poached almost to extinction in Zambia and, secondly, the Lusaka black market price for rhino horn has moved from 500 to 1,200 Quatsch per kilo.

Zimbabwe, which has 2,000 black rhino, the highest concentration of this endangered species in Africa, has made some effort to contain

poaching by putting in 50 extra police patrols in the area, but since 9,644 square kilometres is involved this can hardly be considered adequate.

It would appear that the Zambian Government have done nothing to stop the poachers, and it has been said that the reason for this is due to vested interests in that same government.

Of the 2,000 rhinos surviving, 650 only are estimated to be breeding females and their 36-month gestation period militates against their survival. Can anybody do anything to stop this, or is the black rhino going to join the dodo?

Yours faithfully,
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April 15.

Press treatment of Princess Michael

From Lord Onslow and others

Sir, All of us are regular attenders of the House of Lords, of all parties, and we would like to say how outrageous we feel the treatment of the Princess Michael of Kent has been by the *Daily Mirror*.

No-one is responsible for the actions of their parents, unlike editors who are totally responsible for the actions of their papers.

We have the honour to be, Sir, your humble and obedient servants.
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House of Lords, April 18.

Good behaviour

From Mr George Theiner

Sir, I hope Mr Gareth Morris (April 16) is alone in deploring the Foreign Secretary's behaviour in Prague last week. Why is it so difficult for some people still to realise that "British standards of good manners" simply will not do when dealing with dictatorial governments - remember Neville Chamberlain's gentlemanly dealings with a gentleman called Adolf Hitler?

Mr Morris deplores "the clandestine conversations with dissidents". The crux of the matter surely lies in the word "clandestine": no foreign visitor need have clandestine talks with British dissidents such as Tony Benn, Arthur Scargill, Mr Bruce Kent, et al, who can all be approached quite openly and without their risking imprisonment or other forms of retaliation.

Indeed, not so long ago Mr Scargill himself visited Moscow, while one of his associates had been to Libya to see Colonel Ghaddafi. If only the Czechoslovak Government showed the same tolerance towards those who do not see eye to eye with it, there would be no need for secrecy.

There is, of course, one more vital difference: the British Government was freely elected by the voters of this country in proper, democratic elections; the Government in Prague was not. And it would not be ruling that unfortunate country at all if the Soviet Union had not invaded it in 1968, preventing the Czechs and Slovaks from expressing their real views on the way their country's affairs should be run.

Yours sincerely,
GEORGE THEINER, Editor,
Index on Censorship,
39c Highbury Place, N5,
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Trust on the campus

From the Sub-Warden of Kettle College

Sir, In your leader, "Trust on the campus" (April 2), you blame the universities for "ducking hard decisions" about closing departments. One suspects that even when such decisions are taken it is out of administrative convenience rather than because of what you rightly identify as the need for universities to be "at the leading edge of the nation's economic and attitudinal adaptation".

A case in point is the threatened closure of the department of the Study of Religion at Leicester University. "Atheist" adaptation is the key to the work of this department, the name of which should not be allowed to obscure the fact that it has more to do with cultural anthropology than with the speculations of theologians.

Leicester is a prime example of the kind of multi-ethnic, multi-cultural community which is increasingly characteristic of the society we live in. By teaching its students by way of practical observation and personal enquiry, as well as through book-learning, about the beliefs which sustain the different elements in this society and condition their social responses, the department does just as much to prepare them for a valuable role in the modern world as if its purpose were more obviously vocational.

The present Government is providing the universities with support for posts in information technology; this would hardly seem to be the moment to close a department which exists to inform its students in a manner which is both objective and practical, about the diverse nature of the human beings whom technology is supposed to serve.

Yours faithfully,
D C POTTS, Sub-Warden,
Kettle College,
Oxford,
April 8.

Mortgage tax relief

From Mr Michael Meacher, MP for Oldham West (Labour)

Sir, In his report of April 16 Mr Anthony Bevis gives a highly misleading impression of the proposals I have just presented in the Commons.

Although he did not mention it, the central aim of the proposals was the ending of means-tested poverty in Britain and of the degrading system whereby 8 million people every week, 1 in 7 of the population, are forced to undergo means-tested subsistence in a bureaucratic system fraught with over-complexity, delays and frustration on all sides. Mr Bevis also omitted to say, though I made it repeatedly clear at the press conference, that this was a consultative Green Paper.

The scheme does not propose to

Costs of soldiering in BAOR

From Mr H. J. Pitman

Sir, The imminent cuts in local overseas allowance for soldiers serving in Germany seem to be ill thought-out and unjust. The Government's supposition and hence reasoning that the cost of living in Germany, taking into account the duty-free perks, nearly equates to that in England avoids the real issues.

A soldier is rarely in Germany out of choice, he is there because that is where his service has taken him. An average single soldier returns to Great Britain at a minimum three times a year purely to retain contact with family and girlfriends. The MoD only sponsor one flight per year.

The cheapest flights home are priced at £262 return but often up to £100 is paid. Ferry travel at forces

rates for a full car (4 persons) costs each person between £28 and £48, depending on the season. A single soldier often spends up to £5 a week telephoning England.

Most married couples on posting to Germany lose between £3,000 and £6,000 per annum on account of there being little employment for English-speaking wives.

These factors and the poor quality of social life are the real individual costs of soldiering in BAOR.

What other employer would be permitted to implement a reduction of pay of up to £800 per annum? Soldiers do not have a union.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY PITMAN,
Foxley House,
Malmesbury,
Wiltshire,
April 12.

GLC peace campaign

From Councillor Tony Kerpel and Dr Julian Lewis

Sir, When the GLC declared 1983 "Peace Year" and proceeded to use rates income to fund the activities of various unilateralist groups our organisation - whose objective is peace through deterrence - decided to test whether the GLC's commitment to peace campaigning was politically even-handed by applying for a grant.

Since our prescription for maintaining peace differed from that advocated by the Labour Party, CND and its offshoots our application was refused consideration and we received not one penny, unlike the much ridiculed "Babies Against the Bomb".

The *Morning Star* (April 17) reports that a "massive campaign to expose... civil defence" has now been launched by the Labour-controlled GLC at a cost of a quarter of a million pounds to the ratepayers, including our organisation.

According to the GLC's half-page advertisement in *The Times* and other national newspapers (April 18) it claimed that the following groups which campaign for unilat-

eral nuclear disarmament, and whose policies only the Labour Party endorses, are so dependent upon public money that they "may disappear" if the GLC is abolished - London Region CND, World Disarmament Campaign, Scientists Against Nuclear Arms, Medical Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons. The advertisement further claims for these organisations that if the GLC is abolished "the services they provide will be severely reduced". Services? For whom?

Surely it was never the intention of local government legislation to permit a local authority to divert ratepayers' money into the funding of political campaigning bodies which now maintain that they would not otherwise manage to survive and which in turn campaign at public expense for the continued existence of their political benefactor. An all-out campaign against such political corruption is long overdue.

Yours faithfully,
TONY KERPEL,
JULIAN LEWIS,
The Coalition for Peace Through Security,
27/31 Whitehall, SW1,
April 19.

The great divide

From the Director of The Marine Society

Sir, It was by agreement with the French themselves that the English Channel was recognised as English territory in 1303.

In 1654, by the Treaty of Westminster, the Dutch consented to acknowledge the right of England to the sovereignty of the narrow seas and agreed to pass through the Straits of Dover only after receiving permission. In 1674, in the peace treaty which terminated the third Anglo-Dutch war, it was decreed that the English flag should be entitled to salute "within the English Sea", which was defined as extending from "the meridian of Cape Finistere to the middle point of the land Van Staten in Norway".

Yours faithfully,
RONALD HOPE, Director,
The Marine Society,
302 Lambeth Road, SE1,
April 18.

Chunnel' contenders

From Sir Ralph Freeman

Sir, I hate to suggest that Captain Harvey, Master Mariner (April 11) is behind the times in his ideas and with the pier itself, the ship would crumple to a halt without the remotest chance of moving the pier.

With modern radar and other fog warning equipment, the piers of a bridge at 2km (1.1 nautical miles) intervals, marked on all charts, would provide positive assistance as fixed navigational marks, in contrast to the ever-present hazard of collision between ships following the main shipping lanes and ferries and other craft crossing them.

If the master of a very large tanker or other vessel were careless enough to allow his ship to approach a

bridge pier at speed (Captain Harvey calls the "boulders", a misleading misnomer), and if the ship should manage to penetrate the surrounding energy-absorbing barrier and collide with the pier itself, the ship would crumple to a halt without the remotest chance of moving the pier.

Since your correspondent envisages a chain-reaction collapse of all the bridge spans, may I add that my company's scheme is specifically designed to prevent any such catastrophic occurrence from what-ever other cause.

Yours very truly,
RALPH FREEMAN, Chairman,
Linkintoeurope Ltd,
55 Victoria Street,
(South Block), SW1.

Faith and uncertainty

From Canon Alan Wilkinson

Sir, Once again this Easter the lectionary of the Church of England has bidden us re-read the stories of the Exodus at both the Eucharist and the daily offices. We have sung hymns which depict the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus in terms of the Passover celebration of the Exodus, which was also the context of the Last Supper.

A hundred years ago most Christians would have regarded the Exodus stories as "plain historical fact" - i.e. that is what we would have seen and experienced if we had been present. We now realise that we cannot separate "what happens" from the cultural presuppositions of the participants.

So today the vast majority of Christians are content to be agnostic about "what happened" at the Exodus. We treat the Exodus stories as of great symbolic power which abound in rich poetic, personal and political significance.

So to "explain" the Exodus as being the result of a tidal wave caused by an earthquake (for

example) we now realise it is to miss the point completely. Yet the Exodus stories dominate the Old Testament and the Jewish faith, as the Resurrection dominates the New Testament and the Christian faith.

If it is allowable to treat the Exodus stories in this manner, why is it illegitimate to treat the Resurrection stories similarly? We simply cannot know what we would have seen and experienced at the tomb or in the Upper Room. Yet the story of the empty tomb is a powerful symbol of God's prevenient action which finds many echoes in our own experience.

How often we have stumbled through the darkness only to find the huge stone rolled away already. We read the Emmaus story and know that it is true for us: that Jesus fulfils the pattern of death and resurrection stories in the Old Testament; that the Eucharist is not the sad commemoration of a dead hero, but that the risen Jesus makes himself known to us in the breaking of bread.

Yours sincerely,
ALAN WILKINSON,
The Vicarage,
Darley, Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

ON THIS DAY

APRIL 20 1906

Earthquakes were not unknown in San Francisco. The city had experienced them in 1864, 1888 and 1910. The disaster of April 18 1906 demolished most of the city's central business and residential districts; 1,000 lives were reported lost and the total property damage was estimated at over \$300m.

THE SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE. THE TERRIBLE STORY OF DISASTER.

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, APRIL 19

The damage done to San Francisco by the fires which followed the earthquake renders the disaster one of the most serious in the history of the country. The first earthquake at 5.15 yesterday morning lasted about two minutes. It caused the collapse of many structures throughout the city and burst the water mains, and was followed by numerous outbreaks of fire. Five minutes later a slightly less violent shock was felt and after an interval of three hours there was still another. A final shock of brief duration was experienced shortly before 7 o'clock in the evening.

Every building from the stricken city shows that the loss of life and damage to property were under-estimated in the earlier reports, which gave no real idea of the extent of the calamity. All day long dense smoke rose over the city, and spreading out in the shape of an immense funnel was visible for miles out to sea. Early this morning the flames were still raging uncontrolled and it looked as if the whole city was doomed.

During the night the fire spread into the residential districts, and the panic-stricken people rushed out of their homes carrying with them their portable valuables. Crowds took refuge in the parks and public squares, which were brilliantly lit up by the glare of the flames in the sky. This was the only illuminant, there being no gas or electric light. Some of the refugees possessed tents, but the most of them had no shelter whatever, and huddled in frightened groups around their few household belongings. The business section suffered most severely during the day.

The Palace Hotel fell prey to flames, and the Chase National building was gutted. The Rialto building and dozens of other structures were also demolished. All the best playhouses, including the Majestic, the Columbia, and the Orpheus theatre, and the Grand Opera House collapsed, the latter in 1907. King Edward II was duly proclaimed King of the United Kingdom and the British Empire.

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Surfeit of salmon

From Mr G. T. Shoosmith

Sir, The caption below the photograph on page 16 on April 16 refers to the legend that London apprentices were given salmon so regularly that they insisted on a "no salmon" clause in their indentures. To put the record straight - this was no legend.

On taking over my appointment as chief engineer of William Cory & Son Ltd in 1942 I took over what had been my predecessor's desk at the company's office at Erith, which desk had also been my father's (chief engineer from 1894 to 1934). In a bottom drawer I found some old indenture forms, which clearly dealt with apprentices living "in-house" with their master, in which it was stipulated that the master should not serve the apprentice with salmon "more often than twice a week".

This is of more than passing interest in that salmon have, I believe, been caught as high up river as Portluc in recent years. In the time I had my office at Erith (1938 to 1952) the Thames was so foul that in the summer months it was not unusual for anything painted with white lead-based paint, within about a quarter mile of the river, to quickly turn grey due to the hydrogen-sulphide in the atmosphere. So at least one environment has improved!

Yours faithfully,
G. T. SHOOSMITH,
Gangbridge House,
St Mary Bourne,
Hampshire,
April 16.

Conditioned reflex

From Mrs P. C. Lucking

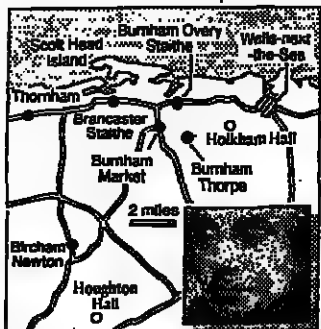
Sir, In my case it is a greedy cock pheasant coming to my back door three times a day demanding to be fed. If I keep him waiting I always apologise.

Yours faithfully,
FELICITY LUCKING,
Clayhangar,
Purse Causele,
Surrey,
Dorset,
April 13.

TRAVEL 1

Turning a kind eye to Nelson

Next Tuesday, St George's Day, Burnham Thorpe in Norfolk, Nelson's birthplace, will be officially twinned with the Sicilian village of Bronte. Duke of Bronte was the title given to Nelson by the King of



It took an hour to struggle through the rush-hour traffic that Friday evening to join the torrent of fugitives on the M25 and M11. Indeed, it was not until the Newmarket by-pass was behind us three hours after departure that the whirl of headlights and tail-lights lessened and the roads cleared to stretch enticingly ahead between trees and hedgerows. Finally the lights of a little town glimmered; then those of ships at their moorings. Narrow streets opened on to a wide green set with trees and there, at the end, was the Georgian facade and lighted windows of the sort of small hotel that tired travellers dream about - The Crown at Wells-next-the-Sea.

We were also somewhere else, as the engravings on the walls of the bar suggested and as memory began to recall: this was Nelson country.

If further reminders had been necessary, they would have been provided next day by the pub signs of north-west Norfolk, many of which proclaim The Lord Nelson or The Norfolk Hero or, simply, The Hero, because hereabouts no further identification is needed. He was born in the remote village of Burnham Thorpe, accessible only by narrow lanes in which one of two passing cars has to give way, a few miles from Wells. Here he spent his first 12 years, and later five years as an unemployed captain after he had brought his wife home from the West Indies to shiver through Norfolk winters and wish they could afford more visits to the relative warmth of Bath. It was at the little inn here in Burnham Thorpe - now, inevitably, named The Lord Nelson - that he entertained his neighbours for the last time before going back to sea for those 12 years of fame. Until he met Emma Hamilton, he dreamt sea-dreams about retiring to a

cottage in Norfolk, somewhere near "dear, dear Burnham".

This stretch of Norfolk - low chalk downs and a coast of creeks winding through salt marshes and sand-dunes - is little changed since his day and he would at once recognize the "homesteads by the stream". His schools, too, can still be seen: the plain Georgian brick schoolhouse of the Paston School at North Walsham, where he suffered under the iron rule of "Classic" Jones, and the medieval grammar school in the Close at Norwich beneath the spire of the cathedral.

Nothing illustrates Nelson's mixed social background so vividly as a list of the Norfolk houses where his relations lived. The Parsonage House at Burnham Thorpe was pulled down and rebuilt as a handsome, bow-fronted affair in his own lifetime, but others remain, still in such remarkable contrast now as they were then. The lordly Walpoles, distant cousins on his mother's side, lived in their mansions at Wotton, where he often stayed, and at Houghton (open to the public from Easter). Their descendants live there today.

try houses, like Holkham, Houghton, Felbrigg, Blickling and Oxburgh, were not yet open for the season. We had thought about visiting churches, in which Norfolk is also rich, but then many of these could be included in a tour of places Nelson knew.

There was the church at Burnham Thorpe, where his father was rector; much restored for the centenary of Trafalgar but set in unchanged surroundings. At Burnham Market stands the church where his daughter Horatia was married to the curate and at Bircham Newton another where she was the vicar's wife. At Hilborough, south of Swaffham, is the fine 14th-century church, where several ecclesiastical Nelsons presided and where the young Horatio spent holidays. His schools, too, can still be seen: the plain Georgian brick schoolhouse of the Paston School at North Walsham, where he suffered under the iron rule of "Classic" Jones, and the medieval grammar school in the Close at Norwich beneath the spire of the cathedral.

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Yet there is also the small but grandly-named Nelson House at North Elmham: then the village shop kept by his brother, Suckling Nelson, now a restaurant. Over at Wells, across the green from The Crown, is



Dream country: The harbour at Burnham Thorpe on the Norfolk coast (top); the remote village of Burnham Thorpe (below left), where Nelson was born and spent the first 12 years of his life; and Staithe Street in Wells-next-the-Sea, still a working seaport. Pictures by Jonathan Pyle.

the modest Georgian Clarence House, named by Nelson's wife after his naval contemporary, the Duke of Clarence, when she rented it during his absence at sea to be nearer shops and polite society than at Burnham Thorpe.

Nelson himself knew Wells, particularly during those five years "on the beach" and passed convivial evenings with "the Wells Society". One of his lifelong friends, Ben Halliwell, was the son of the Customs officer at Wells. A member of "The Band of Brothers", he

commanded the Swiftsure at the Battle of the Nile and eventually became an admiral himself. Nelson's sister Susanah married a Wells merchant, Thomas Bolton, but when it came to the prospect of his favourite sister, he was aware of the social limitations of the little seaport, remarking "I own I should not like to see my little Kate fixed in a Wells society".

But what delight to be fixed for a while in Wells society after that of London where, as Nelson put it, "a man's time is wholly taken up". It has never

become a holiday town, like Sheringham or Cromer to the east, because it remains a working seaport, sometimes with half a dozen or more coasters, flying Dutch, German or Danish flags, discharging or loading cargoes at the quay. It lies on the administrative border between north and north-west Norfolk and sometimes feels neglected by the district councils of both; in a current guidebook, it is not even marked on the map.

In summer, there can be a trippy touch to the place, evident from the shuttered pin-table saloons on the waterfront, and due mostly to a large but orderly caravan site near the harbour mouth. But here as elsewhere on this coast, it is easy to escape from any crowds. On the beach it is only necessary to walk a few hundred yards to find acres of empty sands towards Holkham Bay and the nature reserve on Scott Head Island. In Wells itself one need only walk up Staithe Street to find oneself in a quiet little country town of lanes and alleys and the green, the Butlands.

where The Crown offers its welcome.

As a bolt-hole for idled townies, it was the hotel we had imagined as fondly as Nelson had hankered after his cottage. We had taken the suite - two double bedrooms and an adjoining bathroom - for a winter weekend under the eaves, it was snug. The idea had been to take meals in other pubs along the coast - the Jolly Sailors at Brancaster Staithe and The Liffboat at Thornham among them - but it seemed ridiculous to stray from The Crown which its new proprietors, Wilfred and Marion Foyers, are making an attempt. They would like to be renowned primarily for the elaborate French menus in the restaurant - a sorbet between courses is something new for these parts - but we most enjoyed the robust bar food, both simple and original, and the home-made pâté.

The call of The Crown and conversation over beer in cosy Norfolk pubs limited our explorations to the Butlands, blowy walks along the beach, shopping in Wells. There was so much that we had not seen but that would be a good enough excuse to return.

The nearest railway stations to Wells-next-the-Sea are at King's Lynn and Norwich, bus services are infrequent so that it is best to travel by car. The Crown Hotel, The Butlands (0328 710209) is open all the year; bargain breaks (any two nights in October, March, April, May and the beginning of June, excluding Bank Holiday weekends) cost £40 per person including English breakfast and the full French menu at dinner. Double room with bath, per night: £35 (high season); £30 (low season); single room: £15; £12.50; family suite: £25; £20. More information from the East Anglia Tourist Board, Toppesfield Hall, Haddesfield, Suffolk, IP7 5DN (0473 822 922).



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On Sunday there was no fishing to be had on or off Mull. Sabbath sport on the lochs and rivers is not permitted and no one could be found who was prepared to go to sea. Whether the cause was godfearing righteousness or a riotous Saturday night I did not discover.

But following a calm, cold and fishless day in a rowing boat on Loch Frisa, keenness had been tempered by the realization that success was unlikely. Greater expertise, local knowledge and a spot of luck might have brought in a trout.

Not, of course, that fishing is really about fish, though it is reassuring to see one once in a while. There is not a lot wrong with watching the sun go down from the centre of a flat, calm loch when there is not another soul in sight or sound and the rods dip silently to their snugly reflections. A nip of Islay malt seemed a fitting salute to the beauty of the evening.

The emptiness which is now one of the island's greatest attractions has a spooky quality too. It feels odd that so few people live and die on Mull when it looks so green and fertile. Today, its 367 square miles support 2,000 people, 4,000 deer, about 60,000 sheep and countless conifers planted in straight lines.

Before the sheep-came, when landowners seeking better profits cleared the Scottish highlands of their tenant peasantry, to make for the sheep walks during the first half of the 19th century, Mull's population topped 20,000. Rectangular patterns of rubble outline what were once homes and corn-munities. They lie on hillsides and in fields that were cultivated once and now afford rough grazing.

Mull could be depressing but it is not. Although the bareness of the island is not improved by brutally severe forestry planting, the soft, heathery colour of the hills soothes the parts that other places cannot reach.

Mull has "attractions" too of course, none of them brash. Those who are tired of fishing or walking can sit on a tuft on the shore and keep an eye on the Caledonian MacBrayne ferries patrolling the Sound of Mull. There are seals and seabirds and views. Both Torosay Castle, an early Victorian house with Italian terraced gardens, and Duart Castle, Hebridean home of the clan MacLean, are open to the public.

Duart Castle, which commands the approaches to Mull from a rocky promontory, looks exactly as a Scottish castle should. Its grim, grey walls were raised in the 13th century and the place was little more than a ruin when Sir Fitzroy MacLean bought it in 1912. He restored it extensively and many clan relics are now displayed there. The keep is original.

Another MacLean who has made his home on Mull is Donald, founder of Duinnacraich, Hotel at Duinnacraich, not far from Tobermory in the north of the island. Donald and Wendy MacLean restored and added to a lone house commanding broad views of Bellan Glen. The MacLeans are justifiably proud of their table which features local produce - not too fancily cooked on Wendy's pale blue Aga - and vegetables from their own walled garden.

No music accompanies the murmur of mealtime conversation at Duinnacraich, a real Blessing, and smoke detectors tyrannise guests who light up outside the confines of their bedrooms or the smoking lounge, which is a bane or a blessing, depending on their habits. The explanation is that the island has no fire brigade.

Shona Crawford Poole

The ferry service between Oban on the mainland and Craignure on Mull is operated by Caledonian MacBrayne (0631 82285). I took an 11.15 British Midland Airways (0332 810741), flight from London to Glasgow, picked up a hire car at the airport, took the scenic route to Oban and arrived at Duinnacraich in time for tea. This summer the MacLeans are holding the same prices as last season. A long weekend at Duinnacraich (06884 274) - Friday to Tuesday breakfast and including car ferry - costs £150 per person. Dinner, bed and breakfast costs £38 a night.

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TRAVEL 2

OUT AND ABOUT



Calm under threat: Accommodation could quadruple in Vale do Lobo on the Algarve

Sardines and seclusion in the Valley of the Wolf



HOLIDAY REPORT

"Our villa has three bathrooms, its own swimming pool and a television set exactly the same as ours at home", my young son, Matthew, wrote on the back of his postcard from Vale do Lobo in the Algarve to his best friend in England.

For a discriminating 13-year-old, the combination of unaccustomed luxury and the familiar were all that were required to set his holiday off on the right foot. His delight was all the greater when he discovered the same evening that a large proportion of programmes on Portuguese television are British or American with only the minor inconvenience of Portuguese subtitles.

Indeed, it was as much as my wife and I could do to persuade our son and his two younger sisters that just a few hundred yards beyond the acres of white marble which covered the floors and tables of our three-bedroom villa lay one of the finest stretches of clean and uncluttered sand in southern Europe.

Legend has it that Vale do Lobo (Valley of the Wolf) was discovered in the early 1960s by the late Sir Richard Costain, a former chairman of the giant construction group, when he was riding his horse through what was then an extensive forest of distinctive umbrella pines. Marvelling at its seclusion and its cliffs of bright red sandstone weathered into folds by the action of the wind and the sea, he was inspired to build a small village of plush villas around a 27-hole golf course designed by Henry Cotton, the former British Open champion.

Our villa overlooked the famous seventh hole (the most photographed in Europe, it is claimed) where golfers have to clear two 60ft deep ravines before reaching the green. For non-golfers the only hazards are the occasional stray golf ball ricocheting around the walled patio, or a sudden drenching from the hundreds of sprinklers which spring into automatic action at the most inconvenient of times.

When the euphoric screams of the children diving into the pool to recover coins from the bottom reached an ear-drum-busting crescendo, we set off for the relative tranquillity of the beach. Even during the peak August holiday period, the sand was virtually empty and the sea invigorating enough to compensate for temperatures in the upper 80s.

Vale do Lobo is conveniently close to Faro, the Algarve's only international airport a short car ride away, and visitors are provided with a free transport system around the resort. A minibus, which makes a complete circuit every 30 minutes, is particularly useful for humping bags of groceries from the on-site supermarket which stocks everything from Heinz baked beans to Kellogg's Rice Krispies - if your holiday funds stretch to about £2.50 for a small packet. It also takes in the tennis courts where former Wimbledon semi-finalist, Roger Taylor, runs 12 championship all-weather courts.

But even the most dedicated swimmer and sun-worshipper occasionally feels the need to travel further afield and a hired car is a useful and relatively cheap means of transport, at £64 a week for a small model like a Mini or a Subaru. The compactness of the Algarve region (it is only about 100 miles from the Spanish border to Cape St Vincent in the extreme west) means that all points of interest are within a comfortable day's drive.

Because of its relatively late arrival on the holiday scene, the Algarve has so far been spared the rap of its landscape to make way for the huge multi-storied blocks of flats and the pub-grub types of establishment which have blighted large parts of the Spanish Mediterranean coastline. However, this may not last for long. Just a few miles along the main road from Vale do Lobo, the highest water slide in Europe may well be a sign of things to come.

Even the calm of Vale do Lobo is under threat from plans to quadruple its accommodation and build a sports complex complete with a cricket pitch and a boating marina. The project has been conceived by its present owner, a mustachioed Dutch jeweller called Sander van Gelder who unveiled his plans at a press conference last August, resplendent in an aquamarine suit and white Cuban-heeled boots.



Further inland where the mountains cut the Algarve off from the rest of Portugal, it takes a veritable tourist explosion to shake a peasant culture largely unchanged since the end of the Moorish invasion in the 13th century.

No visit to Portugal is complete without a plateful of two of grilled sardines, which are so plentiful that they mingle with bathers in great shoals just a few yards offshore when the sea is calm. Just along the beach from Vale do Lobo, at the foot of a steep slope covered with cacti of various kinds, stands a small corrugated hut where a huge portion of sardines can be bought for about £2.50 - this also includes chips and a half-bottle of wine.

David Cross

Our holiday was arranged by the Travel Club of Uppminster. Prices for a two-week stay in a villa at Vale do Lobo range from £194 to £482 per person, depending on the time of the year and the type of accommodation. Prices include various services like fully comprehensive insurance, free use of swimming pool, and an unconditional price guarantee. Departures are from Gatwick, Birmingham and Manchester on Sundays by Air Europe. Travel Club (a St. Station Road, Uppminster, Essex RM14 2TT) (04022 25000).

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Sitting pretty among the sausage skins

Seeing Spain by bus can be just the ticket, as Rob Neillands discovered

Business wasn't brisk, you could see that. The bus was empty, and behind the ticket window the clerk was deep in his comic, *Las Aventuras de Guillermo con el voraz apetito* - or Billy Bunter to you and me. Rapping on the glass for his attention didn't go down too well either.

"A single on the five o'clock bus to Pontevedra", I said. "Señor, there is no five o'clock bus to Pontevedra", he replied happily. This was a disaster. "Are you sure?" I pleaded. He shook his head. "Never on a Sunday", he said firmly. "But today's Saturday", I protested. "Are you sure?" he asked. "No wonder the bus was empty."

Incidents like that can drive you frantic, but buying a ticket is often the least of the problems facing the bus traveller in Spain. To begin with, every bus terminus caters for a variety of bus lines, and so finding the bus you want can be difficult. Unless you find the right driver you are in trouble, for no one else will tell you who goes where. Then, even with a ticket, getting a seat can be difficult. The Spanish have yet to cotton on to the queue, and it takes a while for an Englishman to realize that a mad dash, with elbows working furiously, is the only certain way to get on board.

Once aboard you discover that Spanish buses are often well supplied with ample ladies, each a seat and a half wide. Get on early and you may be squashed against the window like a fly: get on late and you will have to balance on one buttock for a hundred miles or so.

On the other hand, and looking on the bright side, bus travel in Spain isn't dull, and if you want to wander off the well-trodden tourist routes, it's the only way to travel. These buses go everywhere, bumping over the dusty *meseta*, grinding slowly up the steepest *sierra*, taking the country people into town, heading for the weekly market with flowers, sacks of potatoes, anxious hens, grandchildren and the occasional goat.

In Galicia they even have special market buses with seats for the farmers in front and stalls for their cattle at the back, vast vehicles which thunder along, leaving an air-blast of petrol fumes and manure. You can't help but wonder where some of these people have come from, as they wait patiently beside the road in the middle of nowhere, or where they are going when they get the driver to stop deep in the mountains, and are last seen through the rear window, plodding slowly away into the hills, Spain, you slowly realize, is a vast and very empty country.

Thai apart, the fares are cheap, the services more or less reliable, and the passengers inevitably motley. "Un ingles", they will whisper to each other, nodding in your direction, even standing on the seats to check you out for those well-known English oddities. If you look fairly normal you will be pined with wincekins, lumps of cheese and indescribably awful things in sausage skins. The children

will clamber back to practise their English, and every stop - and there are many stops - demands a visit to the bus-station bar for a quick snack of *tapes* at the counter and yet another frantic search to find the next connection.

Provided you have the time, and a little Spanish, crossing Spain by bus can be a real experience. You may get exasperated by the officials at the bus stations, but with a little luck you will get where you are going in the end, and at a gentle pace. That's what they really mean by *mañana*.

TRAVEL NOTES

Details on bus travel through Spain and a list of principal bus services can be obtained from The Spanish National Tourist Office, 57 St James's Street, London SW1A 1LD (01-499 0901). Typical fares are Madrid to Alicante, a ten-hour journey, 686 pesetas (£3.50), or Santander to Madrid, 400 km (250 miles), 785 pesetas (£4.10).

Cruel joke played on a satirist

It may soon be too late to see Hogarth's House, warns Nigel Andrews, in the second of an occasional series on houses of the famous



Hogarth's house: Soft target for a spending cut

William Hogarth must be the only English artist to be commemorated by a traffic roundabout. Barely a hundred yards from that sorry memorial, though, stands the house that was once his country retreat. It is marooned now amid office blocks and suburban housing bang on top of the thunderous urban highway that is still quaintly called the Great West Road. To complete the joke, history has even ensured the survival hard by of Burlington's Chiswick House - a potent symbol of all that Hogarth most loathed in the arts of his time.

When he bought his "little country box by the Thames", Hogarth could enjoy fresh air, rural quiet and extensive views. He had a walled garden - which happily survives, at least in outline - and a studio over his stable, both of which collapsed in 1868. The house itself is quite tall, but very narrow, being only one room deep, and none of the rooms is large. It must have been distinctly crowded with all the household - Hogarth and wife, widowed mother-in-law, sister and domestics - in residence together.

The artist, who slept alone, understandably chose the quietest bedroom for himself and, to ensure that he was not disturbed, even devised an ingenious door-catch, which can still be seen. Of course that bedroom is now the noisiest of all.

Of the house as it now is, only one downstairs room is at all museum-like. Apart from the few items there, and some pieces of 18th-century furniture, little is on display but wall after wall of Hogarth's engravings. These alone - all the major works *en masse*, in good early impressions - would be worth the visit. Many of the images are part of every Englishman's cultural luggage, and it is easy to take them for granted. To see

them all together is to be reminded both of the punch they still pack.

It is a great shame that there are no Hogarth paintings at the Chiswick house. That aspect of his genius is represented only by a rather poor copy of one of his self-portraits (lacking the manly scar on which he prided himself), and some lifeless engravings from painted originals. But still, we are lucky there is anything at all of Hogarth to be seen in Chiswick; for the house's history has been decidedly chequered.

By the 1870s it had already become a dilapidated tenement, with washing hanging from the windows and a pig-sty in the garden. Rescued from this plight and put up for sale in 1900, it was only saved for the public by the efforts of a local benefactor, who restored it thoroughly, assembled most of the material now on view there, and in 1909 conveyed the house in trust to the Middlesex County Council.

But in September 1940, German bombs caused serious damage and it was not until

1951 that the house was restored and reopened to the public (the tree also having been coaxed back to health). When the Middlesex County Council expired in 1965, responsibility passed to the London Borough of Hounslow.

Happy ending? Well, maybe: Hounslow's stewardship has been far from enthusiastic, and the relatively tiny cost of keeping the house open - with its dedicated one-man staff - represents a soft target for a spending cut. Closure was only prevented last year because, it is said, the council at the last moment persuaded itself that Hogarth was a "socialist artist". So the future for this interesting survival - one of very few artists' houses now open to the public in Britain - must be considered still uncertain.

Hogarth's House, Hogarth Lane, Great West Road, Chiswick, London W4 2ON (01-994 8757). Open: April-Sept, Mon-Sat 11am-6pm; Sun 2pm-6pm; Oct-Mar, Mon-Sat 11am-4pm; Sun 2pm-4pm. Closed Tues, first two weeks in Sept, last three in Dec and New Year's Day.

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Jane MacQuitty finds out whether our vineyards match those of the Continent

The taste of English wine

What could be more pleasant or indeed more patriotic than to celebrate St George's Day with a cool, refreshing glass or two of English wine? But on second thoughts, the last time I tasted a range of English wines blind was in 1982 as a judge at the annual English wine competition run by the English Vineyards Association when the prestigious Gore-Browne Trophy is awarded to the top wine. What I now wanted to find out was if standards have improved since then and whether England's vineyards and winemakers are keeping up with the technical know-how and expertise of the Continent.

In the early days most wine buffs and wine writers - myself included - were prepared to give English wines the benefit of the doubt, but with our wine industry well past its tenth birthday, perhaps it is time to compare England's best white wines with the best of Europe.

Joining me (JMQ) in this task was the Times tasting team of John Higgins (JH) Arts Editor, and Robin Young (RY), plus Christopher Lindlar (CL), viticulturalist and English wine specialist, and Don Hewison

(DH) from the Cork & Bottle chain of wine bars. As usual all the wines were tasted blind.

SUPERSTARS

1983 Biddenden Ortega; Richard Barnes, Kent English Wine Centre, Drusilla's Corner, Ahrston, East Sussex, £4.50; Fortnum & Mason, London W1, £4.80; Victoria Wine, £3.80. From a pretty Kent village better known for its apples than its wine, this well-made, refreshing, green grape Ortega with its "balance, fruit and flavour" (JMQ) and "a real alluring style of its own" (DH) will make a great St George's day tipple. JH and CL picked up its "highly aromatic" and "distinct varietal nose" - the hallmarks of a good Ortega.

1983 Barton Manor Dry White; Anthony Goddard, Isle of Wight Direct from Barton Manor, Whippingham, East Cowes, Isle of Wight, £4.50; Vintner's Wain, £4.75. Only half a point behind Biddenden, this wine won the most sought after Gore-Browne trophy for the "English Wine of the Year". Blessed with a "fresh, flowery bouquet and lively, zippy perky palate" (JMQ) it was easy to see why JH felt Barton Manor would make "a good light summer drink".

The "blasted British climate", as one English vigneron describes it, continues to be a major British bugbear along with birds, rabbits and pests and other predators. But the irrepressibly optimistic Bernard Theobald from Westbury Farm near Reading is not the only English winemaker who believes that England's weather is improving annually and that in a decade or so the finest English wines will be capable of comparison with the best the French have to offer.

Apart from the weather, England's vineyards also get thoroughly and quite rightly worked up about the English versus British wine debate. English wine, as the name suggests, is made from English grapes grown on English soil. British wine, made from imported grape juice or concentrate (mostly German, but with some Italian), is merely fermented and bottled here and has nothing to do with the produce from England's green and pleasant land.

British wine producers make no real attempt to explain this vital difference to the consumer and when they label their wines with names like Carrow Prior and

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Saint Edmund (Highwayman's); Patrick Fisher, Suffolk, £2.00. Definitely the bargain buy of the tasting priced at a delightfully low £2.00, this Müller-Thurgau and Huxelrebe blend enjoyed a "nice sprit-cold colour and peachy-grapefruit taste" (JMQ) that was as CL pointed out, "very attractive on the palate".

1983 St George's Müller-Thurgau; Gay Biddelcombe, Sussex Vineyard, £4.35. "Light, fresh and appealing" was CL's comment and most of us agreed: "green, racy palate" (JMQ), "welcoming nose, lively acidity" (RY).

RECOMMENDED

1983 Carr Taylor Gutenborner; David Carr Taylor, Sussex Peter Dominic, £3.09; English Wine Centre, £3.55. "Intriguing Muscat nose... good flavour and fruit" noted DH "better than average" (RY) and JH picked up "a very fruity - nectarine" flavour.

Country Manor it is easy to see why the public gets confused. Many English winemakers think it is time the Government took a stand on such misleading tactics, but at least in the 1984 budget the Chancellor brought the previously preferential duty on British wines up to the same level as that levied on English wines.

To an outsider the English wine industry, with its 1,000 acres under vine and 250 commercial growers, looks as if it is run purely as a hobby by a group of eccentric gentlemen farmers. But many wineries are highly profitable businesses, especially the larger concerns such as Lamberhurst and Carr Taylor, who do contract winemaking for nearby vineyards in addition to processing their own grapes. Those winemakers who are lucky enough to be on the tourist trail in the west country and the south east, and can therefore sell wine direct, are also doing well.

Despite the mercantile pattern of England's weather, and the difficulties faced by winemakers and vineyards, I tend to agree with Major Gillespie's prediction: "I am sure the breakthrough in English wine will come in the next five years". Let's hope so.

1983 Cavendish Manor Müller-Thurgau; Basil Ambrose, Suffolk Direct from Nether Hall Manor, Cavendish, Sudbury, Suffolk, £3.50; Bentalls of Kingston, £4.30. DH felt this slightly sweet grapey, almost sherbetty wine had a "soft Rheinhessenish flavour". RY thought it was "acceptable... quite good in the company", which left JMQ noting "good summer garden drinking".

1983 Wootton Schönbürger; Major Colin Gillespie, Somerset Vintner's Wain £3.95; Victoria Wine, £3.99. Major Gillespie's wines are always well-made and this Schönbürger was no exception: "stylish fresh fruit flavour" noted DH, "clean, grapey Germanic fruit" (JMQ) and "pleasing flavour" (RY).

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1983 Lamberhurst Müller-Thurgau; Kenneth McAlpine, Kent Peter Dominic, £2.99; Fine Fare, £2.99. "Crisp, clean and fresh" (DH), "grapey, aromatic, well-balanced" (JMQ), "appealing spice on nose" (CL) sums up this Müller-Thurgau

produced by a German winemaker at our biggest English vineyard.

1983 Magdalen Auxerrois, Pulham St Mary; Peter Cook, Norfolk Culm, £3.50. JMQ was much taken with this "vibrant stylish racy green wine" and JH gave it a high mark too, noting "some fruit and character". But no one else was that keen.

BORDERLINE

1983 Adgestone; Ken Barlow, Isle of Wight Vintner's Wain, £4.30; English Wine Centre, £4.10. "Dark gold hue, sweeter, richer and graper", wrote JMQ on this full-bodied wine from vineyards little close to the sea. JH felt Adgestone would be good with a meal and everyone felt this wine was older than '83.

1983 Chitdown; Paget Brothers, Sussex Chaplin & Son, 35 Rowlands Road, Worthing, Sussex, £3.46; English Wine Centre, £4. This Müller-Thurgau and Reichensteiner blend was much enjoyed by CL who noted its "lemony colour, pleasant light nose and refreshing crisp, clean taste". But everyone else was more in line with JMQ's "quite well made but not that exciting".

1983 Elmham Park; Robin Don, Norfolk Hicks & Don, 4 The Market Place, Westbury, Wilt, £3.92; English Wine Centre, £4. Made by a Master of Wine from six different grape varieties this "zesty Germanic-style wine" (JMQ) had "a good fruity nose" (DH) and "clean acid finish" (CL).

1983 Tontard; Stephen Skelton, Kent Barkmann Wine Cellars, 12 Brewery Road, London NW7, £3.85; Arthur Rackham, £3.49. "Attractive nose, pleasant easy flavour", noted RY and CL also enjoyed Tontard's "attractive nose" and "fresh balanced flavour", which DH felt demonstrated "good winemaking" techniques.

NOT FOR US

1982 Three Choirs; Fairfield's Fruit Farm, Tew Day, Gloucestershire, £3.49. Quirelyn Roberts, The Old Crypt, 11-25 Watergate Street, Chester, £4.93; Victoria Wine, £3.99.

1983 New Hall Huxelrebe; Bill Greenwood, Essex Direct from New Hall Vineyards, Chelmsford Road, Purleigh, Chelmsford, Essex, £3.80.



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BEYOND THE PALE

1983 Brulayard St Peter Müller-Thurgau; Ian Berwick, Suffolk Malmesbury, 2 Midland Road, London NW1, £3.88; English Wine Centre, £4.05.

1983 Pilton Manor Huxelrebe; Nigel Godden, Somerset Direct from Pilton Manor Vineyard, Pilton, Near Shepton Mallet, Somerset, £4.85.

1983 Hambledon; Salisbury-Jones, Hampshire Direct from Hambledon, Mill Down, Hambledon, Portsmouth, Hants, £4.80.

THE RESULTS

Despite the panel's philanthropic approach to this tasting with both myself and Robin Young marking considerably higher than we would normally, all of us were disappointed with the results. Apart from the top two virtually all the wines on the table showed to a greater or lesser extent classic wine faults.

Making good wine from what is in many cases unripe fruit is admittedly not easy but lack of technical expertise is obviously the English wine industry's biggest problem.

As Don Hewison noted however, the wines are "distinctly superior to those of 10 years ago" with only three real horrors. But sadly I found no dramatic improvement on my 1982 tasting. John Higgins commented that the finest English wines have a "fresh fruitiness" about them that would go well with midsummer fruits such as strawberries.

Perhaps most important of all Christopher Lindlar felt that England was "steadily moving away from an ersatz Germanic style towards something crisp, clean, fresh and specifically English".

A clear choice for the best in modern glass

Beryl Downing
with some tips
on serving wine
attractively

Learning about wine is not only to do with *grande cru* and *petit chateau* and varietals and how far up the sunniest slopes the grapes were grown. You can even learn the wine crib in your diary by heart and it will do you no good unless you know how, as well as what, to serve.

So next time you have a connoisseur on your guest list put away the cut and coloured glass - they are strictly taboo. The wine expert wants to look upon the wine not only when it is red; but when it is every shade of brick, ruby, tawny, purple, green or golden and the only way to see the gradations of colour clearly is in a perfectly plain glass.

"Heavily cut lead crystal doesn't give the true colour because light is reflected on the grooves of the glass," says Jane MacQuitty. *The Times* wine correspondent. "It is also heavy and is like tasting something out of a cup, compared with a thin-rimmed plain glass."

"Coloured glass was popular 100 years or so ago. This was before the wine making process was refined and it covered the fact that the wine was cloudy. Coloured stems were made for the same purpose - the colour

reflected into the bowl and masked the fact there were tiny particles floating about because they didn't have the benefit of modern wine-making techniques.

"The perfect wine tasting glass is the official International Standards Organization one (illustrated) which is ideal for the professional taster who wants to do a very efficient analysis. It has a short stem, round base and the bowl of the glass is large but narrows at the top to a perfect circle; concentrating the bouquet."

"I use it at home for sherry, but it wouldn't be right for a dinner party - although it is considered very chic at the moment in Paris to have a set and serve all wines in it."

For those who want to be *très snob*, these official ISO tasting glasses are available at £1.75 each at La Reserve at 56 Walton Street, London SW3, where the



range of wines includes some very old and rare vintages.

Anthony Whitaker, a director of La Reserve, has firm ideas about the care of drinking glasses. They should, he says, be washed only in hot water (no soap) and should be dried immediately with a clean cloth - a sensitive palate will always detect detergent.

Also in his range of glasses are some good value seconds of English glasses (illustrated) with very slight imperfections - the length of the stems and the thinness of the rims may vary.

But they are the approved connoisseur's shape and at £1.50 each for the white and claret sizes they cost half the price of perfects. Because they are seconds, supplies may be erratic, so it is a good idea to telephone first (01-389 2020).

If, however, you are looking for glasses elegant enough to complement traditional or modern table settings and yet the perfect shape to please the wine expert, the range to consider is called 'Classic' (illustrated). It has everything the con-

noisseur demands - clear, thin glass, tulip-shaped bowls on long stems to keep the heat of the hand away from the wine, rims curving gently inwards to preserve the bouquet. There are five sizes - sherry/port, white, red, goblet and champagne - and each the perfect size for its purpose.

The Classic range is one of several imported by John Jenkins & Sons, who were the first to bring Bohemian glass to this country and now two generations later, are one of the very few companies specializing

in fine quality hand-made plain glass as well as cut glass. "We began to see a movement towards plain glass six or seven years ago when we were well ahead of the trend," says Tim Jenkins, director and grandson of the founder. "It was difficult to sell them, but in London and the south more and more people now prefer plain to cut crystal, which is beginning to look rather dated. Apart from the very expensive Baccarat and Orrefors, hand-crafted plain glass comes mainly from Eastern-block countries and at the moment costs about the same as machine-made plain glass from the West. But it is more difficult to make than cut crystal because it has to be without blemishes and as fewer craftsmen are able to manage it, it will become more difficult to get."

At about the same price as the Classic range, £4.93-£6.42 per glass, John Jenkins offer Lyric, which is a very similar shape but with slightly taller

howls. The least expensive of the hand-made glasses are called 'Curlion', £3.93-£3.75, with slightly thicker rims and less elegant stems, and for those who insist on decoration the Elegance range, £4.75-£7.90 has some very simple cutting just at the base of the bowl. All can be seen at 25 John Jenkins shops-within-shops.

Machine-made glasses in approved shapes for parties and everyday quaffing are Habitat's Paris goblet, which comes in packs of four at £1.60, and their white wine glass in lead crystal - a classic tulip shape at £2.50. This is the type of glass to choose if you are setting up home and want one all-purpose shape. A point to note - the tulip referred to and approved by the wine trade is the shape of a tulip before it opens, not the one often referred to as a tulip, which has a flared rim and looks more like a thistle.

Habitat's Sommelier glasses, for example, £3.50 for two. Other points to note: Glasses not to choose are coupes for champagne - bubbly simply goes flat in them; anything V-shaped, because all the bouquet is lost immediately; and big brandy balloons, which Jane MacQuitty describes as "a load of old nonsense in terms of heating in your hand."

If you are simply interested in glass for its decorative and historic value, make a note of "The Baluster Family of English Drinking Glasses", an exhibition of antique glass at Delamare & Son, 4 Campden Hill Road, London W8. About 50 of the best pieces from a Canadian collection of early 18th-century glasses will be on show from May 1 to 31. All are for sale at prices from £100 to £3,500 for pieces so rare that they are seldom seen outside museums.

Corney and Barrow, 12 Helmut Row, London EC1 (01-251 4051), will send Classic wine glasses by mail order. A price list is available.

General Trading Company, 144 Soane Street, London SW1 (01-730 0411), have a large range of John Jenkins plain Bohemian crystal. Habitat Paris goblets are available from all branches and by post (add £1.95 for all orders under £50) from Habitat Designs, PO Box 2, Wellingford, Oxon OX10 9DQ (0491 35511).

John Jenkins & Sons, Nyewood, Rogate, Petersfield, Hants (telephone for a list of local shops-within-shops) (073 080 611). Trade only but there is a small shop for passers-by where you may pick up discontinued lines in glass and china or a piece of Dresden or Herend in two pieces, just waiting to be struck together.

SHOPFRONT

A pair of Church's shoes, representing fine craftsmanship, restrained decoration, homely comfort and the ambition of every Englishman to be one of the landed gentry, are enshrined this week at the V&A's Bolterhouse as the epitome of British design.

If that is not quite how you see yourselves be glad that you are not represented by anything as juvenile as a hamburger (America), as hygienic as a pair of Scholl's remedial clogs (Sweden), as transitory as a Croquet lighter (France) or as cumbersome as a Kiev camera (Russia). I have visions of an international incident at the V&A when ambassadorial delegations descend upon Stephen Bayley, director of The Bolterhouse, to demand restitution for some of the items he has chosen to represent them in the exhibition National Characteristics in Design, which opened this week.

If they do, I hope they get trampled under foot in the stampede to see the show, as it is one of the most ingenious, attractive and informative museums has presented. Challenging, too, but then that is nothing new for The Bolterhouse. It has been devised by Jonathan Glancey, editor of the *RIBA Journal* and has been designed on a grid system - eight lanes each

representing a country, crossed by eight others, each representing an aspect of design.

The visitor can thus first walk North/South for a general view of the essential characteristics of each nation and take in, for instance, the brassiness of America, from fast foods to loud check trousers, the meticulous

perfectionism of the Japanese, the solid efficiency of the Germans, the talent of the Italians to make everything from a coffee machine to a Ferrari look like a piece of sculpture.

And then you retrace your steps East/West to compare similar products produced by each country - startlingly effective in the travel

Table tots

Post script to last week's baby bonanza: those equipping a nursery might like to know about a new catalogue called Scandinavian Selection, which includes the well-designed high chair.

Made in solid birch, it has a seat 52cm high to allow the baby to sit at a dining table without the need for a feeding tray. The bar is detachable so that the chair can be used conventionally. The sturdy frame with safety harness attachments comes flat-packed and is easy to assemble. It has won a Swedish design council award and because it stacks has been selected as standard equipment for all McDonald restaurants in New York. It costs £32.95 (£1.95 p&p). There are several other interesting pine, beech and birch designs aimed at young people

setting up their first homes. For the catalogue write to Scandinavian Selection, Unit 12, Osiers Estate, Osiers Road, London SW18 (01-870 3307).

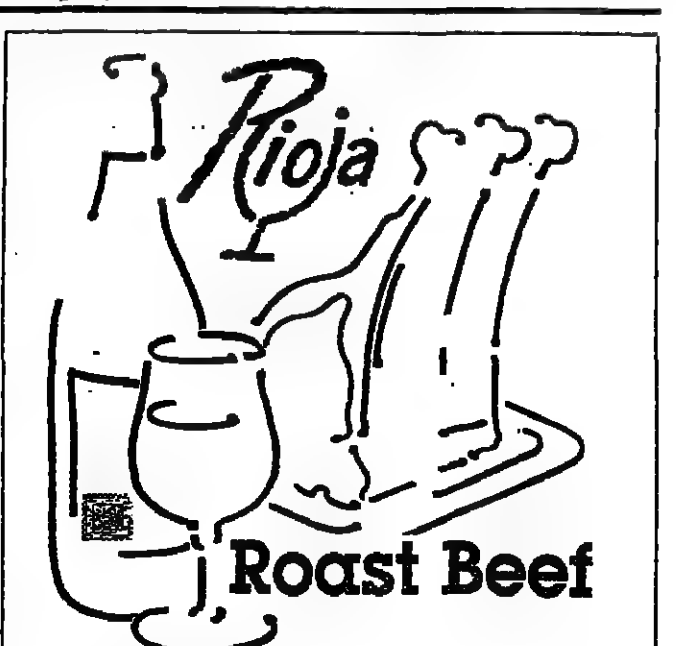


and transport corridor where eight motorcycles put menacingly from their stands, defying you to contrast the busy little Velo Solex for buzzing round Paris with the archaic Unit 880 Crossack for lumbering up the Steeps and the seductive red Vespa Piaggio for showing off *con brio*.

The staging is a delight. You enter each "country" through an appropriate portico - Have a Nice Day flashing in neon over the US, a Metro pediment supported by two giant Croquet lighters leading you into France - before being asked to consider the preconceptions with which you arrive in any country and being led on to question their validity on the basis of the rest of the show.

The whole thing has been designed by Jon Woodlans on the principle that "if you do an exhibition it should not be just a giant book - there should be something you can't get just from reading about it."

He has succeeded triumphantly, not only in entertaining and informing visitors, but also in involving them. You cannot fail to be more aware of your own individuality as you leave. National Characteristics in Design continues at The Bolterhouse until July 18. Mon-Sat, 10am-5.30pm, Sun, 2.30-5.50pm. Closed Fri.



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Video cassettes and books on tape

REVIEW

Spanning the world of the mini-series

Mini-series are neither series nor, in any sense, mini. They are elaborately conceived, expensive, made-for-television feature films, up to six hours long, which happen to spread over three consecutive evenings of TV watching. The mini-series philosophy is not unlike that of the Jesuits: give us a viewer on Sunday and he's ours if not quite for life, at least until Tuesday. That is enough for the American television networks. It provides three nights of huge viewing figures for the price of one.

No wonder that they are scouring the fiction best-seller lists looking for fodder for glossier, sexier, more star-filled minis. Their big regret is that *Gone with the Wind* has already been made into a film. What a waste. What a mini-series it would have made.

The British television companies, give or take a *Lair* or a *Princess Daisy*, have not responded to the genre with similar enthusiasm, and video producers make the running, their aim being to release videos of minis many months before any possible scheduled broadcast appearances. One company in particular, Videoform (which has recently changed its name to Heron Home Entertainment) has emerged as a clear leader in the purchase of successful American mini-series, not all of which will necessarily get a TV showing here.

One which escaped their grasp is *Hollywood Wives* (Warner Home Video) based on the Jackie Collins novel and reputed to be the steamiest mini of them all though, given American TV's no-nudity, no-sex rules, is unlikely to bring a blush to British audiences. *Hollywood Wives* should be publicly available soon, though so far even review copies are non-existent.

Assiduous (and exhausting) watching of a large selection of mini-series reveals a number of fundamental rules. The ideal mini should "span" (a favourite word in the blurb) several generations. In *Evergreen*, for instance, our heroine, first introduced as a poor young immigrant Jewish girl in New York's Lower East Side, is at the end seen clutching her great-grandchild not long before receiving her umpteenth offer of

Evergreen (three cassettes, 93 mins each) Videoform, about £32 each)
Mistral's Daughter (three cassettes 135, 90, 135 mins) Videoform, about £32 each
Ellis Island (three cassettes 133, 90, 90 mins) Videoform, about £32 each
The Blood of Others (two cassettes 128, 105 mins) MGM/UA, about £20 for the pair

marriage from the rich WASP she's really loved for more than 40 years. She is engagingly played by Lesley Ann Warren, mild changes of hair colour marking the passing of the decades.

Mistral's Daughter, adapted from the Judith Krantz novel, doesn't do quite as well in the generation game, with only three. The compensation is that they're all female and two-thirds of them sleep with Stacy Keach who plays Mistral, the famous French painter (he wears a smock to prove it). Stefanie Powers and Lee Remick (whose combined real-life ages nudge the century) are the luckless actresses who have to start proceedings as young, virginal and naive. They become more convincing as they approach pension-time.

When mini-series are unable to span generations they try to span continents, though they have managed only two so far, America and Europe. Sometimes, though they don't quite put it this way, they aim to span socio-economic groups, although again there have only been two contenders, the very poor and the very rich, with the former becoming the latter.

In *Ellis Island* (incidentally, Richard Burton's last performance), typical representatives of the poor and huddled masses from three European countries (an Italian stud/gardener, a Russian-Jewish musician, and two Irish sisters, one blind, the other Fenian) meet on the immigrant boat to the Statue of Liberty, and are destined to have their lives intertwined (another key mini-series word).

No one has to age all that much; instead most of them have to talk in very foreign accents which they lose as they climb the ladder to Great American Success. Foreign accents are an essential element in mini-series obliged to span continents and visit the play-



Star roles: Philippe Leroy Beauvais as Mistral's daughter and (right) Jodie Foster, ruthless in *Blood of Others*

grounds of the rich, suave and oily, and it is a neat trick to allocate most of these accents to English-speaking actors. Joan Greenwood's attempt at a Russian aristocrat turned ballet mistress, in *Ellis Island*, has to be heard to be disbelieved.

Stephanie Audran spoils it all by being a real foreigner speaking good English in her own accent. Moreover, she does it twice, in *Mistral's Daughter* and in *The Blood of Others*, a

Franco-Canadian production based on Simone de Beauvoir's novel about the French Resistance.

The first surprise is that *The Blood of Others* is directed by Claude Chabrol, probably the most distinguished film-maker to try his hand at the new format. The second surprise is that Chabrol should be associated with an offering so mediocre. Apparently aimed mainly at an English-speaking

audience, various American actors, Jodie Foster among them, have been roped in to play the principal parts. They perform scenes of searing emotion as if discussing who to invite to the school prom.

Issues of life, death and collaboration are treated like a discussion about who should decorate the church hall for harvest festival.

For all their banality of subject-matter, unreality of plot,

often ludicrous dialogue and equally frequent poverty of acting, mini-series work, within their own ambitions.

Above all, the "good" ones are usually ravishing to look at and have that curious capacity, like some bad books, to involve even the critical viewer in, to use another essential mini-series term, the unfolding saga.

Marcel Berlins

A marriage of voice and material

Spoken word

Our newest film star, Oscar-winning Dame Peggy Ashcroft, has recorded four short stories from Katherine Mansfield's *The Garden Party*, published in 1922. Limpid, luminous and leisurely, this reading is a perfect marriage of voice and material, particularly potent in *The Daughters of the Late Colonel*, Mansfield's stunning lament for the half-lives of exploited women. *Her First Ball*, *The Singing Lesson* and *The Stranger* complete the set; all are unmissable.

Ian Holm, who has also been picking up awards, reads *Touch the Devil* for Listen for Pleasure, a ferocious tale of professional terrorists trained in the Second World War, Vietnam and Belfast - instant action, and plenty of suspense, surprises

The Garden Party by Katherine Mansfield, read by Dame Peggy Ashcroft (Cover to Cover, Cassettes, 2 cassettes, £5.75). Available by mail order from Cover to Cover Cassettes Ltd, Freeport, Marlborough, Wiltshire.

Touch the Devil by Jack Higgins, read by Ian Holm (Listen for Pleasure LFP 41 7188 5, 2 cassettes, £4.99).

and cold-blooded violence, from Jack Higgins, author of *Exodus* and *The Eagle Has Landed*.

Listen for Pleasure also has Tim Pigott-Smith reading *The Danger* by Dick Francis, about a series of connected big-time kidnappings seen through the eyes of a professional adviser to actual and potential victims. In the true Francis tradition, it is compassionate but cool - "Extorting a ransom is an age-old pastime, less risky and more

The Danger by Dick Francis, read by Tim Pigott-Smith (Listen for Pleasure LFP 41 7182 5, 2 cassettes, £4.99).

The Growing Pains of Adrian Mole by Sue Townsend, read by Simon Schatzberger (Listen for Pleasure LFP 41 7184 5, 2 cassettes, £4.99). *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift, read by Sir Michael Hordern (Argo 414 730-4, 2 cassettes, £4.95).

lucrative than robbing banks" - and involves the racing world of two continents.

Simon Schatzberger, a bright teenage actor, reads Sue Townsend's *The Growing Pains of Adrian Mole*, again for Listen for Pleasure. Sex is now on Adrian's mind, but his girlfriend Pandora makes a classic response: "No, darling, we must wait until we've got our O levels". The Falklands conflict is on: is the funny look in

Grandma's eyes jingoism, or is it the onset of cataracts?

Argo's latest offering is an elegantly shortened version of Dean Swift's *Gulliver's Travels* (published in 1726) read by Sir Michael Hordern. Flat-blooded satire, lots of intricate and imaginative detail from Gulliver's contacts with strange races, together with a robust preoccupation with "the necessities of Nature", have made the book enduringly popular. Lilliputians are only six inches high and their houses etc are to scale, and once upon a time every schoolboy knew how Gulliver, after an evening of drinking, was able to put out a fire that threatened the Empress of Lilliput's apartments.

Two romantic comedies new to video both have New York settings. *Moscow on the Hudson* (RCA/Columbia), directed by

Mary Postgate

Losers take all in a Broadway lullaby

New releases

For those who despaired of Woody Allen ever breaking the mould of introspective neurotics, *Broadway Danny Rose* is a breath of fresh air. Given an all too limited cinema release last year, it now makes a very welcome appearance on Rank Video.

Broadway Danny Rose has all of Allen's wit and few of his hang-ups. Unlike his early films it is much more than a string of gags; unlike his recent pictures, it never gets bogged down in pretentious philosophizing. It is Allen's most accessible piece since *Annie Hall*, and just as deserving of the Oscars that film got and this one didn't.

A sharp-edged but never sour tribute to the less glamorous side of showbiz, the film has Allen living as a loser, a theatrical agent with a raft of unbookable acts, from a one-legged tap dancer to a ventriloquist with a stammer. When he does take on more promising material, a crooner making a comeback, the reward is an appointment with the Mafia. His compensation is Mia Farrow, almost unrecognizable behind dark glasses, a comic performance to match Woody's own.

Notable among the other 1984 cinema releases making their bow on video is *Cal* (Warner), an Irish love story which brought Helen Mirren the best actress award at the Cannes Film Festival. One of the less turbulent offerings of the fertile David Putnam, it also stars John Lynch as a young Ulster Catholic whose affair with the older woman (Mirren) is sensitively handled by a director new to the cinema, Pat O'Connor.

Sergio Leone's sprawling epic, *Once Upon a Time in America* (Thorn EMI) has been slightly cut for video but still runs a formidable 219 minutes. Robert De Niro and James Woods help to give it punch. There is comedy in Paul Bartel's *Not for Publication* (Thorn EMI), a maverick director's look at the gutter press; and *Unhappily Ever After* (CBS/Fox), in which orchestral conductor Dudley Moore thinks his starlet wife (Nastassja Kinski) is cuckolding him and plans murderous revenge.

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Theatrical: Woody Allen in *Broadway Danny Rose*

Paul Mazursky, has Robin Williams as a Russian saxophonist defecting in the middle of Bloomington's department store, while in *Over the Brooklyn Bridge* (Guild Home Video), Elliott Gould has designs on a Manhattan restaurant but uncle Sid Caesar will only lend him the money if he will ditch his non-Jewish girl.

Elliott Gould is also the star of a film from the early 1970s, *The Long Goodbye* (Warner), playing Philip Marlowe in a quirky profitable excursion into Raymond Chandler territory by Robert Altman. *Streets Named Desire* (Guild Home Video) is the film that made Marlon Brando a star: Elia Kazan's cogent adaptation of Tennessee Williams, with Vivien Leigh as the unlikely but tragically effective leading lady.

We may expect plenty of Michael Powell revivals, come his 80th birthday in September. Meanwhile video can offer his wartime *4th Parallel* (Rank), a tale of Nazis at large in Canada with a heavyweight cast of Eric Portman, Laurence Olivier, Anton Walbrook and Leslie Frewin, and his magnificent (but spate) *The Thief of Baghdad* (Polygram).

Motor racing enthusiasts can enjoy themselves with *Supercharged* (BBC Video), subtitled *The Grand Prix Car 1924-1929*, which is a considerably extended version of a Horizon programme with rare colour footage not previously made public. Finally two for children: the Prince of Wales telling his own story, *The Old Man of Lochmaw* (BBC Video), and *Lochmaw the Tank Engine and Friends* (Guild Home Video). 13 adaptations of stories by the Revd W. Awdry, skilfully animated and with a narration by Ringo Starr.

Peter Waymark

COLLECTING

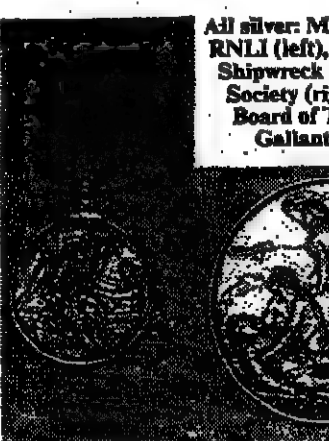
Medals with a tang of salty heroism

The retirement of Coxswain Matt Leithbridge was reported in *The Times* in January, a third generation lifeboatman from the Isles of Scilly, a winner of two of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's silver medals.

Medals often conjure up a glorified image of taking life, yet in this country there has been a tradition of medals for life-saving since the early 19th century. That is as far back as any regular campaign medals and further back than the bravery awards still issued.

As with war medals and decorations, life-saving awards are usually found stamped or engraved with the recipient's names. It is this that makes each one so special to the collector, for it only takes a little time and effort to trace the background details of the medal and its hero.

The RNLI medals are the first that come to mind when thinking of life-saving awards. When formed (as the Royal National Institution for the Preservation of Life from Shipwreck) in 1824, the possibility of gold and silver medals was raised at the first meeting. The portrait of George IV, as monarch and patron, appears on the front of the medal, and the first one awarded was to the first lifeboatman, George V. The medal was gold specimen awarded by William Wyon, of the Royal Mint, and for the reverse he took a romantic neoclassical rescue scene designed by Henry Howard, RA, showing three burly figures hauling a drowning man into a small boat. The legend above the



All silver: Medals from the RNLI (left), the Liverpool Shipwreck and Humane Society (right) and the Board of Trade's Sea Gallantry medal

scene reads, Let Not The Deep Swallow Me Up. The medal was not changed during the reign of William IV, and Victoria's head was not introduced until 1862, although changes were made following the accession of Edward VII.

The new reverse of the medal was a typical period piece, a mixture of realism and fantasy - the figure of Hope fixing a lifejacket to the coxswain of a boat. The portrait of the institution's founder was introduced during the reign of George V, while most that appear only on medals bestowed by the monarchy, and that is why Sir William Hillary is now seen on the current gold, silver and bronze medals of the RNLI.

The Royal Humane Society was instituted in 1784 and was soon issuing medals as awards for saving a life from drowning. On the medal a cherub is

holding a flaming torch and carefully protects it from sudden extinction - nice, gentle allegory. In 1854 the Board of Trade instituted the Sea Gallantry medal, curiously the only such medal to come into being through an act of Parliament. On the reverse of this large 2 1/2 inch medal another great Victorian drama is depicted, with shipwreck survivors, including a mother and baby, awaiting rescue. In 1866 The Albert Medal "For gallantry in saving life at sea" was instituted, and 11 years later extended for gallantry on land, but now it has been abolished in favour of the George Cross.

Lloyd's, with a vested interest in saving both life and ship, introduced their own medal, another piece with an imaginative reverse design. The shipwrecked sailor reaching out for help is Ulysses; his rescuer, the near-naked Leucothea, hovers

above him, certainly a figure worth reaching out for - but not very practical. The Liverpool Shipwreck and Humane Society revert to a strong pictorial image, in which a child is lifted from the sea on to a raft.

In 1825, the year the first RNLI medal was awarded, the East Indiaman Kent caught fire in the Bay of Biscay and, just when all hope was considered lost, a Cornish brig appeared to rescue 347 of the 629 persons aboard.

Silver medals were later presented to the captain and crew by the people of Falmouth, Truro, Helston, Penryn and St Ives, while for souvenirs further examples were struck in copper.

Eighty-seven years later a special gold medal was struck for the captain of the RMS Carpathia for his part in the rescue of so many of the passengers from the SS Titanic. The enormous public awareness of the lifeboat service and the response to appeals, stem from our inborn respect of the job the lifeboatmen do, and only too, for surely all of us would like, just once, to be launched down the slipway and be out there with them.

It is this same feeling that draws collectors to the series of life-saving medals, for they tell stories of that kind of heroism which we can all understand.

Daniel Fearon

Life-saving medals can be elusive and hard to track down, but most of the larger coin and medal dealers have some examples in their stock.

Distortions that set out to scandalize

"There is lots of figurative work about which is frankly sentimental", says the sculptor David Creggan. He and his colleagues have been scouring the country for the last six months in search of sculpture which marries their criteria of "interest in the human condition, and an intensity of imagery". The results can be seen in *Humanism in British Sculpture* at the Royal Festival Hall from Wednesday.

Apart from an excess of sentimentalism, organizers discovered that many commercial galleries are not interested in figurative sculpture at all. "We were disappointed not to find more like us out there", Creggan says. As a result, only five sculptors are represented in the show, which is financed by the GLC. The first intimation of their presence will be the appearance of a giant wooden figure of "St Cuthbert" by Fenwick Lawson outside the Festival Hall, close by the GLC's walk-in birthday cake in which pro-GLC audio-visual shows are run. St Cuthbert has been brought here from Durham Cathedral.

Inside the Royal Festival Hall building the exhibition is of proportions worthy of the Hayward Gallery, at present being fought over by the Arts Council and the GLC. The five sculptors are represented by 50 sculptures, including Evelyn Body's sensitive portrait busts, Simon Stringer's grueling images of death and emaciation (his "Image of Africa" is a string-thin black woman clutching her empty stomach), and Alan Brazier's solid figures portraying dancers. Another highlight is "Dinka", a portrait of an African herdsman by David Creggan, inspired by Michael Tippett's "Child of our Time" music. To prove their concern for humanity is genuine, the organizers are selling this work at £15,000 in aid of the Save the Children Fund.

Already the organizers' efforts are being rewarded in full. The Glynn Vivien Gallery in Swansea has asked to run the show and plans to visit Cambridge, Hull and Edinburgh are under way, as well as a world-wide tour.

Hans Bellmer (1902-75) was also obsessed with the human form, as can be seen at an exhibition of 200 drawings, prints and books illustrated by him at Editions Graphiques, also from Wednesday. It coincides with the publication of the first book in English on Bellmer, by Peter Webb (Quartet Books, £40).

Bellmer, however, was not out to glorify humanity. With delicacy and precision, he distorted it, often to obscene effect: joining limb to limb, cutting out the torso, blending male with female. "If my work is found to scandalize", he once said, "that is because for me the world is scandalous". His last show in London, at the Robert Fraser Gallery in 1966, was closed down by the police.

A German by birth, Bellmer became a Surrealist after sending photographs of one of his strange malformed doll sculptures to the Surrealist publication *Minutaire*. Today, the Tate Gallery has three such dolls, but although they are not currently on show to the public, it is against its policy to lend to commercial galleries, and so the show lacks this important aspect of his work. Instead, the Tate has invited Webb to give a lunchtime lecture there on Thursday.

"Bellmer was quite a sad individual", says Victor Arwas of Editions Graphiques. "He was haunted out of Germany; both his wife and mistress committed suicide." Life with Bellmer appears to have been a matter of games without the fun: he tried out bondage in the cause of his art, tying his mistress Unica Zurn up with string to see how her skin might bulge. "He was interested in



The eyes have it: Les Multiples Yeux by Hans Bellmer

male and female anatomy, where each becomes the other", says Arwas. "He liked to unify everything into a single life form."

The results are within the German tradition of grotesquerie, with possible references to the Mannerist painter Arcimboldo, who used to paint monstrous human faces made out of fish, fruit and vegetables. The exhibition opens with the first book Bellmer illustrated, originally impregnated, with sickly scent, and continues with relatively straightforward photographs of dolls, with occasional peculiarities, such as when limbs become table legs, through to fully-fledged abstract fantasies, where humanoid forms seem to implore.

Seventy-five years old this year, the Contemporary Art Society virtually explodes with idealism and enthusiasm. Since its inception, it has bought, by means of private donations, more than 3,000 works of art and presented them to public

art galleries in Britain and the Commonwealth, opening on Friday at Sutton Place, Guildford, is an exhibition of 35 works by 34 artists, bought between 1982 and 1984.

No smouldering Bellmers here, the exhibition includes work by established names such as Howard Hodgkin and Gilbert and George, as well as younger artists such as Gwen Hardie and Nick Rodimeade.

Sarah Jane Checkland

Humanism in Contemporary British Sculpture is at the Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-351 5242) from Wed until May 12, daily 10am-10pm. Admission free. Hans Bellmer is at Editions Graphiques, 3 Cliford Street, London W1 (01-734 3944) from Wed until May 25, Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-2pm. Contemporary Art Society's Purchase 1982-4 is at the Sutton Place Heritage Trust, Sutton Place, Guildford, Surrey GU4 0AA (0438 50455) from Fri until Aug 25, Wed-Sat 10am-4pm, Thurs, Fri and Sun 10am-6pm.

Photography

FOX TALBOT AND THE FAMILY CONNECTION
Fox Talbot Museum, Leacock, Wiltshire (024 973 459). Until June 30, daily 11am-6pm. This exhibition celebrates the 150th anniversary of the first negative taken by William Fox Talbot of the latter window in the South Gallery of Lacock Abbey in August 1835, an event that created photography as we know it today. The original is now in the Science Museum but on show here are many of his other photographs as well as those taken by his family and friends.

FAMINE IN AFRICA
Side Gallery, 9 Side, Newcastle (0632 322268). Until May 19, Tues-Fri 11am-6pm, Sat-Sun 11am-5pm. Strongly political and compassionate photographs by Chris Steele-Perkins of Magnum and Mike Goldwater of Network.

BLACK AND WHITE MEMORIES
Warwickshire Museum, Market Place, Warwick. Until May 5, Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm. David Bailey's work which acclaimed retrospective which contains some of his finest work from the 1960s, continues its tour. Not to be missed.

Michael Young

Auctions

FISH FACES: Although one of the oldest society portraits, Sargent was nonetheless a considerable painter. In off-duty moments, he could produce a rapid study of dead salmon which, but not be to please a lover of art. He is likely to be one of the more expensive artists in a sale of modern British works with estimates between £150-£30,000. A painterly form of writer's cramp is shown in a canvas by Sir John Lavery, "The Artist's Disposition", completed at £3,000-£12,000. There

is also a good selection of the currently fashionable Cornish plain art school. Phillips, Blenheim Street, London W1 (01-629 6602). Viewing today 9am-noon, Mon 9am-5pm. Sale Tues 11am.

ARMS AND ARMOUR: Even the most convinced pacifist could not deny the aesthetic attractions of many old weapons. An engraved German sword with a Meissen porcelain hilt, for instance, must have been the envy of many a 18th-century beau. Sotheby's have one in which the hilt is formed as a parrot's head, rather than a more lifelike lion or bear.

Sotheby's, 34-35 New Bond Street, London W1 (01-493 8080). Viewing Mon 9am-4.30pm, Sale Tues 11am and 2.30pm.

TORQUAY SILVER: It might be a nice idea to breakfast with a Sheffield plate egg crust, supporting six egg cups with gilt interiors, but it is doubtful if a use could be found for an electroplated presentation space, or even a Victorian silver presentation trowel. The variety of objects which the craftsmen of the last two centuries have thought worth producing in silver and plate never ceases to surprise. This sale covers a range from punch bowls to photo frames.

Beames Rainbow, Torquay, Devon (0803 26277). Viewing today 10am-5pm, Mon and Tues 9.30am-5pm. Sale Wed 10am.

FROGS: Collectors will be on the hop on Wed when 86 frogs go under the hammer. Most expensive is a pale green Meissen frog (£300-£500), others are silver, ivory, wood, agate, jade, plastic and gold. All shapes and sizes from £30. Phillips, Blenheim Street, London W1 (01-629 6602). Viewing Tues 9am-noon, Wed 9am-noon. Sale Wed at noon.

Huon Mallalieu

Openings

AD 85: Contemporary British school paintings, drawings and prints.

Concourse Gallery, (Level 5) Barbican Centre, London EC2 (01-638 4141) from Tues. Until May 26, Mon-Sat 9am-11pm, Sun noon-11pm.

OPENING EXHIBITION: First group show, on park and nature themes, by Penny Smith and others. Huon, Bernard Baron Pavilion, Regents Park, London NW1 (01-935 4010) from Thurs. Until May 15, daily 10am-6pm.

EILEEN COOPER RECENT PAINTINGS, RICHARD BOSMAN RECENT PRINTS: Works by two contemporary artists. Blond Fine Art, 22 Princes Street, London W1 (01-437 1230) from Wed. Until May 18, Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm.

THE SCOTTISH GAME AND OTHER PAINTINGS: Pictures of golf and snooker by the English artist Douglas Wood. Dixon Gallery, Institute of Education, University of London Arts Centre, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1 (01-638 1500), from Fri. Until May 17, Mon-Fri 9.30am-6pm, Sat 9.30am-noon.

Romantic good looks and a mellifluous voice

"I might have been just a little lacking in star quality, but I did not dither!" Robert Donat replies after his wife casts aspersions in the neglected British comedy *Perfect Strangers*, revived next week at the Museum of London. It is a particularly poignant remark to emerge from one of the handful of British film actors to carve an international reputation in the 1930s. Star quality was stamped all over Donat: his mellifluous voice and romantic good looks earned him many fans and constant Hollywood offers.

Yet only one Hollywood film - *The Count of Monte Cristo* - ever emerged, and that quite early on, in 1934. For Donat was a "ditherer" - plagued both at home and abroad by professional and personal uncertainties, for which his chronic asthma seemed to serve both as cause and effect. In some 25 years he made just 19 feature film appearances. The many parts he relinquished, for

various reasons, included the title roles in *Captain Blood* and *The Adventures of Robin Hood* (both later assigned to Errol Flynn), James Mason's role of the wounded gunman in *Odd Man Out*, and MGM's Doctor Jekyll (finally played by Spencer Tracy).

A new biography by Kenneth Barrow, *Mr. Chips*, sheds valuable new light on this fraught but noble career with the aid of Donat's private papers; and we can see his enormous talent in action in the first three films of the Museum of London's ninth "Made in London" season. *The 39 Steps* (on Tuesday) may be over-familiar, but *Perfect Strangers* (Thursday), produced and directed by Alexander Korda in 1944, is now a novelty. Donat viewed the production with a heavy heart: "No script to go on - just a mass of blarney from A.K.", he wrote to his mother, though the film that finally emerged is quite an engaging affair. Donat and Deborah Kerr,



Star quality: Robert Donat (left) with Deborah Kerr in *Perfect Strangers* and in *The Magic Box* with Renee Asherson

well-teamed, portray a dull couple whose lives are rejuvenated by wartime experiences and romances.

The third Donat film is *The Magic Box* (April 30), belatedly produced to celebrate the Festival of Britain in 1951. As a biography of one of our industry pioneers, William Friese-Greene, it is not particularly to be trusted; but as a class gathering of notable actors (in

cameo roles), the film amply repays attention. The museum's season, drawn as usual from the National Film Archive collection and mounted with the help of the finance house Nomura, International, continues until mid-July with a judicious mixture of the familiar and the unexpected.

Two silent films are revived - a 1920 *Black House* (May 7), and Herbert Wilcox's *Madame*

Pompadour (May 9) with Hollywood's Dorothy Gish as the scheming mistress of Louis XIV. Equally rare is *Red Wagon* (May 30) - a would-be international blockbuster of 1933, adapted from a heavy novel by Lady Eleanor Smith, author of *The Man in Grey*. Characters include a circus proprietor (Charles Bickford), his voluptuous gypsy wife (Raquel Torres), and a lovers' quarrel.

(Greta Nissen). Here, at least, there was definitely no part for Robert Donat.

Geoff Brown

The 'Made in London' film season runs from Tuesday to July 18, with weekly screenings on Tues and Thurs (6.10pm) at the Museum of London, London Wall, EC2 (01-800 3899). *Mr Chips: The Life of Robert Donat*, by Kenneth Barrow (Methuen, £9.95).

Openings

THE TIMES OF HARVEY MILK (15): Robert Epstein's Oscar-winning documentary examines the extraordinary life and death of the first involved homosexual to win political office in a major American city (San Francisco); both he and the Mayor were killed in 1978. From Fri at the Everyman, Hampstead (01-435 1525).

UTU (15): Ambitious action-epic from New Zealand about the late 19th-century battles between European settlers and Maoris; directed in a high style by Geoff Murphy. From Fri at the Classic Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148) and the Odeon Kensington (01-802 6644/5).

Selected

FAVOURITES OF THE MOON (15) Chelsea Cinema (01-351 3742) Camden Plaza (01-485 2443) Russian director Otar Iosseliani's joyously Gallic comedy of art treasures, thieves and anarchists, played to the hilt by a cast of non-professional actors.

A PASSAGE TO INDIA (PG) ABC Shaftesbury Avenue (01-536 8861) ABC Fulham Road (01-370 2636) Handsomely photographed and carefully balanced version of E. M.

Forster's novel about the clash of the British and Indian cultures; with a superbly commanding performance by Peggy Ashcroft.

WETTERBY Curzon West End, Shaftesbury Avenue (01-439 8865) David Hare's absorbing play about the main prize at the Film Festival of Cannes, social and emotional climate and sensitivity. Crisp line performances from Valerie Richardson and her daughter, who plays the character 30 years before.

AMADEUS (PG) ABC Shaftesbury Avenue (01-536 8861) ABC Fulham Road (01-370 2636) Peter Shaffer's celebrated play about the rivalry between Mozart and Salieri re-worked into a lavishly staged musical which won Best Picture and Best Director.

THE KILLING FIELDS (15) Warner West End (01-439 0791) Britain's lavish entry into the blockbuster war-movie arena, produced by David Putnam, directed by television veteran Roland Joffe. Sam Waterston stars as the American journalist covering the Cambodian war, helped by a local man (Hsing Hsing); fairly impressive in spots.

THEATRE

Comic key to Pinter's puzzles



Best friend: Livi Ullman

Old Times, opening at the Theatre Royal Haymarket next week, will be the second Harold Pinter play on stage in the West End, joining *Other Places* at the Duchess Theatre.

Does this signify a renewed surge of interest in the work of one of our best known playwrights? David Jones, director of *Old Times*, side-steps the answer. "It is one of his major works. He wrote it 14 years ago and it is time to do it again." That two theatres will be presenting Pinter is a coincidence of timing rather than a deliberate plan. "We have been talking about putting it on for over a year", he remarks.

David Jones has known Pinter for many years, first meeting him when he acted in an early production of *The Birthday Party* in the 1960s. He became an associate director of the Royal Shakespeare Company in 1965, directed a Pinter one-act for the RSC's touring group and has since been closely involved with all Pinter productions by the company.

"There are two widely different sides to Harold Pinter - the bleak (as in *Other Places*) and the comic", Jones says. "He is very interested in using comedy as a way of getting to the truth and *Old Times* represents much more the comic side, though the ending is bleak."

Old Times, like Pinter's *The Caretaker* and *Betrayal*, explores the attractiveness and destructiveness of the emotional triangle.

A husband and wife (Michael Gambon and Nicola Pagetti) are visited after 20 years by the wife's best friend (Livi Ullman), and the husband's subsequent emotional jealousy soon becomes sexual. "It is a sexual dance, which is exciting, comic, dangerous", Jones explains.

The production marks both Liv Ullman's debut in the British theatre and her first role in a play by a living writer. The casting was Jones's idea, which she eagerly accepted, and admits he set her an enormous challenge. "But she has shown great courage in tackling the

role, and now feels very much at home with it."

John Hurt returns to the stage after an absence of seven years to play Trigorin in Anton Chekhov's *The Seagull*, in a new translation by Charles Sturridge, and Tania Alexander. The cast also includes Samantha Eggar as Mme Arkadina.

The joint Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, and Oxford Playhouse Company production opens at the Lyric on Friday, directed by Charles Sturridge, who directed *Brideshead Revisited* for Granada TV.

Christopher Warman

Old Times, Theatre Royal, Haymarket (01-930 9532). Preview tonight, Mon and Tues at 7.30pm. Opens Wed at 7pm, then Mon-Sat at 7.30pm, matinee Wed at 3pm, Sat at 4.30pm. *The Seagull*, Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith (01-741 2311). Preview Mon-Thurs at 7.45pm. Opens Fri at 7pm, then Mon-Sat at 7.45pm, matinee Wed at 2.30pm, Sat at 4pm. Until June 1.

at 7.45pm. Matinee Thurs (not May 9) at 3pm, Sat at 4pm. No part. May 6 European premiere of Miller's latest play. Three writers and their former mistress are reunited beneath the eponymous ceiling, in a former episcopal palace in Eastern Europe. Alan Dobie, Ed Bishop, Ian Lindsay, Maureen O'Brien, directed by Paul Urwin.

CORBY: Festival Hall (03363 3482). It starts with the One by Rib Davis. Thurs, Fri and Apr 27 only, at 7.30pm. Corby Drama Group and Corby Community Arts have involved about 100 local people in the musical documentary drama about the growth of the town from rural village to steel town in the 1930s.

LEATHERHEAD: Thorncliffe Theatre, Church Street (0372 377677). Fighting Chance by N. J. Crisp. Until May 4, Mon, Tues, Thurs, Sat at 7.30pm, Wed and Fri at 8pm; matinee Sat at 4pm. *Leatherhead* by N. J. Crisp. Williams as a young couple who meet in mutual adversity and triumph over their problems.

Selected

A LITTLE HOTEL ON THE SIDE Olivier (01-928 2252). Today at 2pm and 7.15pm. In repertory. Uproarious and (thanks to John Woodman's translation) surprisingly witty version of the Feydeau farce better known as *Hotel Paradiso*, with Graeme Garden as a spry bourgeois adulterer, Deborah Norton as a marital dragon, Benjamin Whitrow as a well-weathered stammerer and Michael Bryant as an enquiring hotelier.

ON YOUR TOES Palace (01-437 8834). Mon-Sat at 7.45pm; matinee Thurs and Sat at 2.30pm. Doreen Wells leads in this appealing revival of the 1936 Rodgers and Hart musical. Staged by co-writer and original director, George Abbot.

Out of Town

BRISTOL: Old Vic, King Street (0272 24388). The Archbishop's Cell by Arthur Miller. Until May 11, Mon-Wed at 7.15pm, Thurs-Sat

RICHARD III: Antony Sher had a considerable triumph in the title role of this production at Stratford-upon-Avon last year. Penelope Beaumont, John Carlisle, Martin Milner and Peter Poolethwaite join Roger Allam, Penny Downie, Patricia Routledge, Malcolm Storry, Yvonne Coultie and Christopher Ravenscroft in leading parts, directed by Bill Alexander. The Barbican, London EC2 (01-928 8785/838 8881). Preview Thurs, Fri, Apr 27, 29 at 7.30pm. Opens Apr 30 at 7pm. In repertory.

LOOK TO THE RAINBOW: Robert Cushman's assembly of songs and narrative is a musical biography of songwriter "Yip" Harburg, whose creations, including "That Old Black Magic", "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" and "Buddy, Can You Spare a Dime?" are presented by a cast headed by Broadway veteran Jack Gilford as the man himself.

APOLLO THEATRE, Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1 (01-437 2863/434 3559). Preview from today at 5pm and 8.15pm. Mon-Fri at 8pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.15pm; matinee Wed at 3pm. Opens May 1 at 7pm. Then as previews.

Openings

MARTINE: John Fowles's translation of Jean Jacques Bernard's story of love between a farm girl and a soldier returned from the war. First performed in Paris in 1922. Wendy Morgan, Jean Anderson, Andrew C. Wadsworth, Barrie Rutter; directed by Peter Hall. Lyttelton (01-928 2252). Press Night today at 7.45pm. Mon-Wed 7.45pm; matinee Wed at 3pm. In repertory.

ROCK & JAZZ



Jumping back in time

Nostalgic high jinks at Abbey Road from (left to right) Dave Berry, Brian Poole and Billy J. Kramer, also pictured below (top to bottom) in their heyday. They are merely three of the stars of the 1960s featured in the "Rock 'n' Roll Silver Jubilee" at the Hammersmith Odeon, west London, tomorrow night.

Do you still think Wayne Fontana's "Um Um Um Um Um" was a fabulous disc? Do the Swinging Blue Jeans mean more to you than Duran Duran? Is there still a Beatle jacket hanging listlessly at the back of your wardrobe? If so, the Odeon (01-748 4061) is the place for you. Be there, as they used to say, or be square. The three-hour extravaganza will also feature Herman's Hermits, The Equals and Ricky Valance.

An archetypal California bebop alto saxophonist, Morgan saw service with Maynard Ferguson in the 1960s.

JOHN CALE Tomorrow, Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-438 0747) Matched only by James Brown and Andy Warhol in the extent of his influence on contemporary rock music.

MAZE Tues to Sun, Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (01-748 4080) Will Frankie Beverly repeat his Odeon triumphs of recent years?

Selected

NINA SIMONE Tonight and Mon to Sat, Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-438 0747) Once a performer of mesmerizing power, now too often happy to indulge that section of her audience which sees her as a black Judy Garland.

JOHN SURMAN QUINTE Tonight, Exeter Arts Centre (0392 218188); tomorrow, Avon Gorge Hotel, Bristol (0272 738955); Mon, Plough Theatre, Torrington (08093 2532); Tues, Sports and Art Centre, Thame (0844 216927);

Wed, Old Vic Tavern, Nottingham (0602 585127); Thurs, Nkon Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne (0632 326652) Featuring the trumpet of Kenny Wheeler and the piano of John Taylor in addition to Surman's various reeds.

ABDULLAH IBRAHIM Tonight, Shaftesbury Theatre, 100 Euston Road, London NW1 (01-388 1394) Formerly known as Dollar Brand, the great South African pianist is joined by the Panamanian alto saxophonist Carlos Ward.

RITA COOLIDGE Tonight, Harrogate Centre (0423

84433); tomorrow, Wimbledon Theatre, The Broadway, London SW19 (01-840 0362); Tues, Ipswich Gaumont (0473 53641); Wed, Hexagon, Reading (0734 591591); Thurs, The Orchard, Darford (0322 77331); Fri, St David's Hall, Cardiff (0222 371235) On tour as a sequel to her Country Music Festival appearance.

LANNY MORGAN Tonight to Tues, Bull's Head, 373 Lansdale Road, London SW13 (01-876 5241); Thurs, Third Eye Centre, Glasgow (041 332 7521); Fri, Spread Eagle Restaurant, 2 Stockwell Street, London SE10 (01-853 2333)

OUTINGS

MARS LONDON MARATHON: More than 22,000 acceptances for this year's marathon, though there are unlikely to be more than 18,000 running tomorrow morning. The 26-mile, 385-yard route starts at Greenwich Park at 8.30am and passes the Cutty Sark, Gypsy Moth IV, Royal Observatory, Docklands, the Tower of London, Monument, St Paul's, the Temple, County Hall, Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace, finishing on Westminster Bridge.

For the first time this year men and women start together; the winner is expected on Westminster Bridge no earlier than 11.35am. Go early for good viewing: best vantage points are Cable Street in the East End or around Tower Bridge area (runners cross the bridge, loop around St Katherine's Dock then pass under the bridge).

Street Party: Buskers, clowns, flower and balloon sellers, jazz and steel bands and much more at the party which will take place after the official prize-giving for the London Marathon by Jimmy Saville in Covent Garden at 7pm tomorrow. Proceeds to the Save the Children Fund. Covent Garden, London WC2. Tomorrow, 7pm onwards. Tickets £3 from the London Marathon Trade Exhibition at the Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 today.

FIRST INTERNATIONAL CLOWN CONVENTION: Many events throughout the weekend starting this morning with a procession; clowns are judged and the convention officially opened at 11.15am. This evening two performances of the Clown Family Show with international stars from Britain, Holland, France, Germany, the United States. Tomorrow at 3pm, a special show for children. Sogno Regis Centre, Belmont Street, Bognor Regis, Sussex (0243 885551). Today and tomorrow. Tickets for family show adult £4, child £2, for children's show, all tickets £1.

BOOMERANG WORKSHOP AND THROW-IT: There may still be places for the workshop this morning but telephone to check first. Otherwise you may go and watch a morning of boomerang throwing and competition tomorrow at the cricket area in Dulwich Park, Horniman Museum, London Road.

Forest Hill, London SE23 (01-899 2339). Today from 10.30am. Tickets £1. Parents and over 10s only, throw-in tomorrow, Dulwich Park, London SE21, from 11.30am.

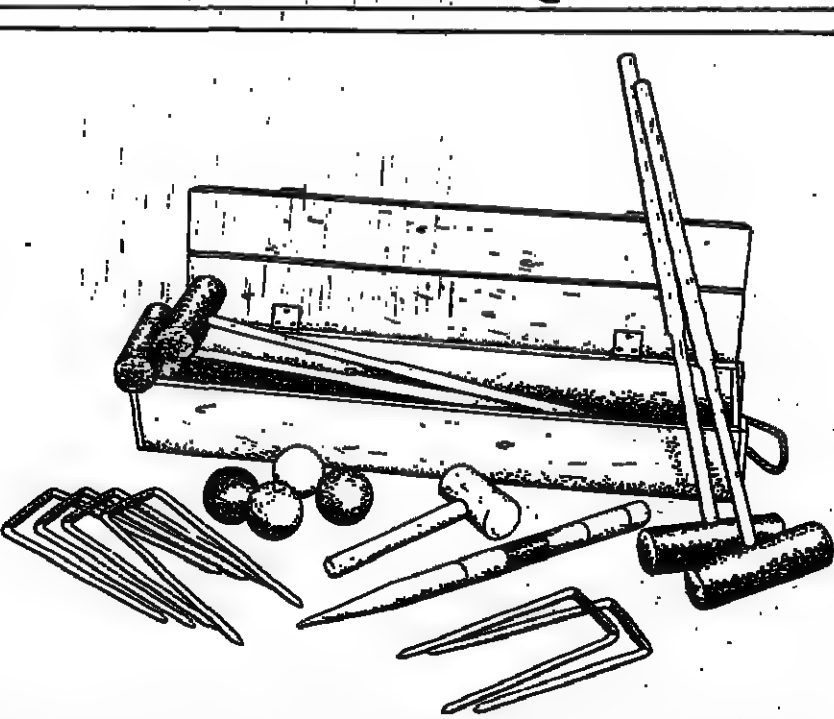
CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY: The stage adaptation of Roald Dahl's book is currently on tour and attracting enthusiastic audiences. You may see it at the following theatres (dates indicate week commencing): Hippodrome Theatre, St Augustine's Parade, Bristol (today); Congress Theatre, Devonshire Park, Eastbourne (Apr 29); Princess Theatre, Torbay Road, Torquay (May 6); Dominion Theatre, Tottenham Court Road, London W1 (May 13); Place Theatre, Oxford Street, Manchester (May 20). To celebrate the 21st birthday of the book's first publication, Puffin, Allen & Unwin and Cadbury's are running a competition for schools. The challenge: to design your own chocolate factory; the prize for the winning class is a tour of Cadbury's own factory, a tea party and signed copies of the book. The competition for 7 to 11-year-olds is open to all schools in the United Kingdom. Closing date June 14. Information from Puffin Marketing, 536 King's Road, London SW10 0JH.

PLAY FOR THE CANTERBURY TALES: Chance to look at the process of putting on a play and meeting the director, cast, designer and technical staff. Derby Playhouse, Theatre Walk, Eagle Centre, Derby, (0332 363275). Today 4.30-5.30pm. Tickets £1. Play only: £4.50, £5 for Playday and 8pm performance of *The Canterbury Tales*.

THE KING AND MR BIRD: Based on Hans Christian Andersen's story of the Shepherdess and the Chimney Sweep, a delightful film for the family, made by Paul Grimault, a leading French animator and scripted by the poet Jacques Prévert. ICA Children's Cinema Club, ICA, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 3647). Today, tomorrow and April 27, 28. All at 3pm. Adult £3, child £1.50 plus free club membership.

Theatre: Tony Patrick: Rock & Jazz Richard Williams: Outings: Judy Froschang

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

The Old Lady insists on a gentle game

The gentle game of leapfrog seems to have become institutionalized among Britain's banks. Yesterday saw a repeat performance of the previous week as Natwest and Lloyds, with others in train, took a leaf out of Barclay's book and cut their rates by half a point to leave their base rates a quarter point lower than Barclays and Midland. The banks seem quite content with this game and it also appears to suit the Bank of England.

The newly cautious Old Lady, likewise, produced a repeat performance, wagging her finger at any bank naughty enough to think of moving to 12 per cent base rates, validating the half-point cut by lowering its own dealing rates, then applying a stern brake later in the day by forcing the captive discount houses to borrow at a penal 12½ per cent.

From the Bank of England's point of view, the advantage of all this is that, in effect, base rates are falling a quarter-point at a time. This is the ultimate in caution. There is little doubt that the market could bear things to go a mile faster. Sterling gained a further half cent yesterday and seems barely to register this slow descent.

Anyone with a mortgage and still paying record interest rates, will be anxious to force the pace as fast as possible, for so far the greater friction against moves-in building society rates has overcome such small movements by the banks.

There is inevitably a suspicion that the Bank of England's new policy is a response to past events in the foreign exchange markets, when sterling was bottom dog and prey to any overconfidence on interest rates in the cause of domestic policy. And that the new policy is irrelevant to new conditions, when the dollar is on the skids and sterling miraculously transformed into the speculators' pet.

Some City sceptics have even voiced the Machiavellian thought that the Bank may be up to its old tricks of keeping the pound attractive to foreign investors looking for high interest to leave room for intervention against sterling to build up the reserves. This would make some economic sense as the Bank previously operated that it could not intervene on sterling's behalf because its usable reserves had fallen so low that they could be exhausted by a few days' heavy exercise.

There are more prosaic causes for the Bank's caution, however. Although we are not supposed to be worried about the wider monetary aggregates, they do not justify any headlong rush to easier money.

Moreover, it is still hard to read developments across the Atlantic. The dollar is still historically high. US banks' prime rates have not come down significantly in response to slower economic growth - perhaps because they are so anxious to rebuild their capital. And it remains possible that renewed dollar weakness could unravel the markets' topsy-turvy response to the American economy so that higher interest rates are forced on a weakening economy to keep money in.

Until American rates do start tumbling and the medium-term financial weather forecast is a little clearer, the Bank is wise to remain cautious. Small cuts in interest rates are a lot better than none, or larger unsustainable ones.

Does J Rothschild know something?

Alan Wagstaff and his boardroom colleagues at Tootal will this weekend be relaxing more than they have been able to for months, but not as much as they must have thought they would after seeing off the Entrad bid.

The victory is a far from satisfactory one for them. Entrad is left holding 29.9 per cent. It could come back in a year's time with a higher bid, or could place its shares with one or more buyers who themselves might be potential bidders.

More significantly J. Rothschild Holdings is sitting on 8.2 per cent of Tootal. Because of Rothschild's last-minute buying spree, the share price of Tootal has held up at the bid level. Although Rothschild maintains it bought Tootal as an investment and does not know of any other imminent bid, the share price behaviour indicates the market does not believe this. Could Jacob Rothschild know something the rest of us don't?

Tootal directors would also presumably like to be in on the secret. As it is, they will have to get back to the business of running the company and meeting, if not beating, the "profits" forecasts they have set themselves. But one eye will always be cast over their shoulders to see what, if anything, these two big shareholders are up to.

The profits forecast of £27 million pre-tax this year should not be too difficult to make. The company itself thinks it is conservative and there are some in the City who believe profits will come out nearer £30 million. However, the share rating, at 10 times historic earnings and 8 times on the forecast £27 million, is at a good premium to the textiles sector, so it will be hard work pushing the share price higher and out of the reach of predators without more dubiously helpful intervention from the likes of J. Rothschild.

White knights have been notable by their absence throughout the bid, so it seems unlikely they will materialize now. Tootal has anyway maintained a fiercely independent stance. It will now just have to soldier on with the business of textiles and hope that it can trade its way out of the clutches of predators, known and unknown.

TSB takes on the tartan army

Sir John Read's serene progress in leading the TSB Group to market as the integrated fifth (or sixth) force in British banking has undoubtedly taken a severe knock. The Scottish lobby in the Lords succeeded on Tuesday in passing an amendment to the TSB Bill which would leave the Scottish arm out of the main flotation altogether. As Sir John made clear yesterday, the TSB Group which itself proposed the form of flotation contained in the Bill, could hardly be less pleased.

Its main objection is that to split off TSB Scotland from the rest makes no commercial sense. The group shares its services in common and for TSB Scotland to set up its own independent money transfer system, for example, would lead to unnecessary expense and complication. Its other services, such as credit cards and insurance, which have become an important part of the group's business, also work on a shared basis. For TSB Scotland to start developing them all over again on its own would make no commercial sense.

Moreover, says the TSB Group, the Scottish arm will retain its own regional management and will continue to be represented in group decisions as equal partners of TSB England and Wales.

But support for a Scottish TSB is strong and the government, which is merely acting as agent in the flotation has no big political axe to grind on the issue. It has asked the group to produce some new flotation proposals and Sir John promised yesterday to do so. Whatever the new proposals turn out to be, they are most unlikely to go all the way in conceding a separate status for TSB Scotland.

It is even less clear whether the other amendments, such as suggesting that 25 per cent of the shares on flotation be put in trust for the benefit of staff and depositors, will also be included. It is clear, though, that the regional and political feelings stirred up by the issue will not make the flotation the easy business it seemed during the bill's passage through the Commons.

Britoil goes onshore in £27m exploration deal with Hadson

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

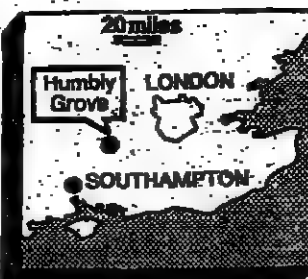
Britoil, which was formed out of the North Sea assets previously owned by the Government and is now Britain's most aggressive exploration company, is to move into onshore oil exploration and production by paying £27 million for the British assets of Hadson Petroleum.

This sum is being paid for the onshore assets in 23 licensed blocks in the south of England and for three blocks in the North Sea. The deal is expected to be completed in four to six weeks, but it will only go ahead after approval by Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy.

In the past month Britoil has spent £64 million from its internal revenue on exploration in the United States. The £27 million offer for Hadson will also be internally financed - and has announced profits for 1984 of £169.4 million.

The Government still has a stake valued at more than £500 million in Britoil, and the proposed acquisition of Hadson's British interests will give the company access to the considerable data built up on onshore oil prospects.

Britoil will be able to use this information in the first formal



round of onshore licensing which is due to be announced. It will also have a share in production from the important Humble Grove field in Hampshire, now due to begin and in production from the Hordean field, now being appraised.

Oil industry analysts have also been predicting that Had-

son could be successful in binding oil in commercial quantities on its average at Rogate, West Sussex, and at Stanmer on the Sussex coast.

Although Britoil has built up extensive overseas oil and gas producing acreage to supplement its North Sea output and is building an advanced drilling rig for deep water exploration around Britain it has only a small interest in onshore oil exploration at present through a holding in a field operated by Shell near Sutton Coldfield.

Hadson Petroleum was formed in 1980 to act as a holding company for the non-US oil and gas interests of the US Hadson Corporation. It has 62 million shares, 76 per cent

owned by the parent corporation and the rest by British institutions. Britoil is only buying the United Kingdom assets, leaving Hadson Petroleum with its portfolio of acreage offshore Indonesia and Korea.

Recent Budget changes mean that Britoil will be unable to offset drilling and exploration costs onshore against its petroleum revenue taxation from producing North Sea fields.

● In Australia BHP and Shell Australia have confirmed that they have gained control of Woodside Petroleum with the purchase early yesterday of 3.92 million shares at the Aus \$1.60 offer price. Shell/BHP now control 251.15 million of the 500 million Woodside shares.

Enterprise borrows £150m to expand

Enterprise Oil, the cash-rich North Sea oil company which was privatized last year, yesterday announced the scale of its ambitious expansion plans by moving to arrange a pioneering £150 million credit facility on the London capital markets, writes Jonathan Davis.

The immediate effect of the move was to send shares in Enterprise up by 10p to 255p in the belief that Enterprise might use the borrowing powers to finance a takeover bid.

Enterprise disclosed this month that it had built up a stake of nearly 5 per cent in Tricontrol.

Mr John Walsley, Enterprise's finance director, said, however, that the timing of yesterday's financing exercise was purely coincidental.

The purpose of the credit facility, according to Enterprise, is to provide it with a readily available and flexible source of finance when it finally embarks in earnest on the acquisition and expansion plans it has been working on since last summer's launch.

Mr Walsley said: "Within the next six to 18 months we will become net debtors by the nature of the investments we are planning to make. We want to be ready for that. But contrary to what the market might have you believe, none of them are specifically targeted yet."

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Booker condemns Dee tactics after takeover attempt fails

By Jeremy Warner

The £357 million bid by Mr Alec Monk's Dee Corporation for Booker McConnell, the cash and carry to agribusiness and health products group, has failed.

By the final closing date yesterday afternoon, the 125-for-100 share exchange terms had received acceptance from shareholders representing only 16.7 per cent of Booker's equity.

Dee already owned 15.8 per cent of Booker's shares, giving it a total holding of 32.5 per cent.

This was well short of the close finish to the takeover battle that had been widely rumoured in the City. Mr Jonathon Taylor, Booker's managing director, said he was "extremely gratified" by the support shareholders had shown.

Dee's tactics throughout the nine-week takeover battle were criticized by both Mr Taylor and S. G. Warburg, Booker's merchant bank adviser. Mr Taylor said that "shareholders' basic wisdom eventually triumphed. I am glad to say, over some very curious tactics that were being employed right up until the last moment."

Earlier in the day, the Takeover Panel, in an unprecedented action had forced Dee

to publish the level of acceptance it had received until then because of comments and rumours attributed to Dee that it was already close to winning Booker. A spokesman for Dee denied that the company had made any such comment.

Dee has stated that it intends to sell the 15.8 per cent stake it is left with. Sources close to the company said it was Mr Monk's intention to dribble the shares onto the market over a prolonged period rather than place them at one go with institutions and Booker's share price fell 20p to 248p yesterday in anticipation of the "tap".

Dee Corporation has meanwhile agreed to pay GRA Group £11 million for the company's Slough greyhound racing stadium, subject to planning permission being granted to build a Carrefour superstore and car park on the land.

GRA said it was not possible to predict the outcome of the planning application.



Alec Monk: forced to publish acceptance

IN BRIEF

More leave bank team

Citicorp, the leading bank in the multi-billion dollar interest rate and currency swaps market, is suffering further defections from its swaps team, writes Peter Wilson-Smith, Our Banking Correspondent.

Mr David Gelber, who heads the swaps department at Citicorp International Bank (CIBL) and is also a director of the London-based investment bank, is understood to be leaving to join Chemical Bank in London.

Mr Christopher Pearce, the number two, is expected to leave to join Credit Suisse First Boston and a third member of the team is believed to be going.

An announcement about the moves is expected next week. The swaps market has been one of the fastest growing areas in the investment banking field in recent years and although the market is now becoming more mature, talented operators are in strong demand. This has led to movement in the market and bidding up of salaries, although Citicorp appears to have suffered particularly. It has lost other people in the swaps area recently.

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W German banker less optimistic

Frankfurt (Reuters) - West German economic growth may have peaked and forecasts of 3 per cent real GNP expansion this year must be regarded as wishful thinking, according to the association of Public Sector Banks - chairman, Herr Hans Fehning.

He told the association's annual news conference that several components of domestic demand were weak and growth was heavily dependent on exports which could easily be hit by a dollar fall.

Herr Fehning added the West German central bank had set a too restrictive target for monetary expansion this year.

The central bank said in its annual report for economic foundation in Germany was secure. GNP forecasts generally range from 2.5 per cent to 3 per cent from government ministers and some economic institutes have been cutting 3 per cent or more.

Herr Fehning declined to predict a GNP figure.

Herr Fehning said the domestic economy showed weak private demand, and public sector investment was low due to attempts to keep the budget deficit under tight control.

Although corporate profits have been rising for three years, it does not seem probable this will lead to higher investment in capital goods.

Doubts over Turner bid for CBS

Wall Street analysts were sceptical yesterday about the real value of Mr Ted Turner's offer for CBS and about what the media leaders would do to save off the junk bond leveraged buy out, writes Michael Graham from New York.

The offer, estimated by Mr Turner to be worth \$175 a share - but said by analysts to be worth no more than \$160 a share - would cost Mr Turner about \$3 billion.

But he is putting up no cash for the deal, instead opting for bonds and notes paying high interest, and an offer of shares in his smaller company, Turner Broadcasting Systems Inc.

The analysts were saying yesterday that the deal was suspect for a variety of reasons. In a junk bond leveraged buy out scheme popularized by corporate raiders in the US like Carl

Icahn and T Boone Pickens a takeover is financed by borrowing heavily and then repaying the debt by reselling assets in the new company.

Mr Turner needs at least 67 per cent of the shares before taking control of the company.

But reports were circulating yesterday that Morgan Stanley and Company, an adviser to CBS, was considering options to sell off more than a third of its shares to friendly interests.

MARKET SUMMARY

| STOCK MARKETS | | MAIN PRICE CHANGES | | CURRENCIES | |
|---|--|--------------------------|--|--|--|
| FT Ind Ord 978.8 (-12.7) | | RISES: | | London: | |
| FT-A All Share 825.48 (-3.4) | | Clarke, Clement 98 +18 | | 2: \$1.2852 (+0.0067) | |
| FT Govt Securities 81.88 (-0.12) | | Gestetner 115 +15 | | 2: DM 3.8475 (-0.0085) | |
| FT-SE 100 1,299.7 (-5.8) | | Air Call 260 +20 | | 2: SwFr 3.1980 (-0.0170) | |
| Bargains 24,664 | | NMW Computers 363 +33 | | 2: FF 11.7800 (unchanged) | |
| Dataseam USM 114.02 (+0.34) | | Watson, R Kelvin 88 +7 | | 2: Yen 219.85 (+0.66) | |
| New York | | Clive Discount 65 +5 | | £ Index 79.5 (-0.1) | |
| Dow Jones 1283.69 (-1.43) | | Volex Group 135 +10 | | New York: | |
| Tokyo | | Perry & Giles 178 +13 | | 2: \$1.2940 | |
| Nikkei Dow 12,114.80 (+81.98) | | Madison Pet Int 56 +4 | | 2: DM 2.9742 | |
| Hong Kong: | | Lo-M Steam Packet 100 +7 | | £ Index 142.7 (-0.3) | |
| Hang Seng 1,474.2 (-25.88) | | Pineapple Dance 73 +5 | | ECU 80.57722 | |
| Amsterdam 205.9 (+2.2) | | Westland 118 +8 | | SDR 20.78889 | |
| Sydney AO 848.9 (-7.4) | | KCA Drilling 31 +2 | | | |
| Frankfurt | | Reed Executive 153 +9 | | | |
| Commerzbank 1,223.0 (-2.8) | | Addison Page 280 +15 | | | |
| Brussels: | | Maynards 284 +14 | | | |
| General 215.09 (-5.55) | | Hunting Asad 190 +10 | | | |
| Paris CAC 214.8 (-2.2) | | TDS Circuits 475 +25 | | | |
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| SKA General 344.60 (+0.80) | | Blue Arrow 188 +8 | | | |
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| close \$327.00 \$327.50 (252.75-253.25) | | Celtic Haven 51 -4 | | Interbank 12½-12½ 3-month | |
| New York \$327.45 | | Rockware Group 49 -3 | | eligible bills 11½-11½ 3-month | |
| Comex (May) | | Adam Leisure 18 -1 | | buying rate | |
| | | Braville Europe 20 -1 | | US: | |
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| | | | | Federal Funds 7½% | |
| | | | | 3-month Treasury Bills 7.50-7.85 (0.00%) | |
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WALL STREET

Shares take early fall

New York (AP-Dow Jones) - Wall Street shares remained slightly lower in moderate early trading yesterday as concern over the outlook for the economy continued to weigh on investors.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 1.66 points at 1,263.47. Declining issues outnumbered advances by about seven to five.

General Motors was down 1/4 at 70 1/2. General Electric was down 1/4 at 58 1/2 and Merrill Lynch at 29 1/2.

The technology sector continued to be weak after the broad declines logged on Thursday in the wake of a poor first-quarter earnings reported by Texas Instruments.

International Business Machines was down 1/4 at 127 1/2. Digital Equipment fell 1 1/2 to 103 1/2. Data General was down 1/4 at 43 1/2 and Burroughs fell 1/4 to 59 1/2.

Other traders noted heavy buying in Gulf & Western Industries which was up 1/4 to 37 1/2.

Rumours are circulating that Mr Ivan Bosky may be a buyer.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber in 5's per tonne
Coffee and cocoa
Soybean meal in US \$
Q W Johnson and Co report

SUGAR
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STOCK MARKET REPORT

GUS shares climb new peaks as other leaders retreat

By Derek Pain and Cliff Feltham

Great Universal Stores, the sprawling retailing empire created by Sir Isaac Wolfson, moved against the herd yesterday. As the stock market wilted, GUS shares climbed impressively to new peaks.

The powerful ordinary shares jumped 45p to 860p and the non-voting "A" shares rose 31p to 822p after touching 829p.

The GUS performance was accompanied by an array of stories, ranging from enthusiasm for the "A" shares to a favourable brokers' circular.

The retailing group is one of the few leading companies to

The broker expected profits of £255 million in the year just ended and £290 million this year. In its previous year GUS made £226.5 million.

Sheppard and Chase believes that GUS will enjoy accelerating growth, particularly on its mail order side, in the next five years.

Equities fretted and fussed over the sharp increase in the inflation rate, and international stocks remained depressed by the weak dollar. The bank base rate cuts had been discounted.

Government stocks, with £650 million of new "taplets" announced, finished 1/4p easier. At the close the FT 30 share index was down 12.7 points at 978.8 points and the more broadly based FT SE share index stood at 1,299.7 points, down 5.8 points.

Another share to buck the downward drift was Tricentrol, the oil group. It rose 10p to 255p after touching 260p.

Fuelling the gain was the £150 million loan announced by Enterprise Oil, which was many to bid for Tricentrol. There were suggestions that the two companies had agreed to meet after the Tricentrol shareholders' meeting in two weeks time.

Midexa, the Hawley/British Car Auction investment vehicle, has taken its stake in Pineapple Dance Studios to 27.6 per cent by buying 300,000 shares from Mr Norris Masters, the husband of founder Miss Debbie Moore, who has left to pursue his own business interests.

But Midexa stressed it had no intention of bidding for Pineapple and indeed was looking to eventually trim its stake back to its previous level.

Mr Masters, whose split with Pineapple caused a setback in the shares this week when they

hit 51p, will continue to hold on to 200,000 shares, a stake of 5.45 per cent. In the market yesterday Pineapple continued to recover and the shares closed 5p higher at 75p.

Westland, grounded of late as it waits for confirmation of desperately needed orders from the Indian Government and the British Army, got an uplift taking the shares to 118p.

The company has won a contract worth £14.5 million to supply helicopter parts to the US group, Boeing, which will keep its factory busy for the next four years, but a spokesman said there was still no indication of when the orders for helicopters, worth about £600 million, for India and the Army would be announced.

The strengthening pound continued to hold back Jaguar, despite the announcement of record sales and production, and the shares retreated a further 4p to 288p.

Exotic lost some of the firmness shown earlier on reports it was selling off its troubled US computer systems business and the shares eased 10p to 360p.

One of the best movers of the day was N. M. W. Computers, specialists in providing computer services for brokers, which advanced 33p to 363p. The market likes the sound of its link up with Citicorp to provide office and dealing facilities for brokers.

There was evidence of speculative interest in the dispensing opticians, Clement Clarke, with the shares moving 25p higher at 100p.

Full-year results are due next week and are likely to be about the £12.24 million mark, compared with £2.15 million. The group, which has a chain of about 100 branches in the South-east, suffered in the first

half as customers held off buying expecting prices of spectacles to drop as part of the National Health Service changes.

But there are now signs of business picking up and 1985 could be a much better year.

The confectionery manufacturer and retailer Maynards - the unsuccessful target of a Lew Cartier bid last year - broke out of its recent trough with a 14p rise to 264p arousing suspicions that another predator could be casting covetous glances over its outlets.

Mr Asil Nadir yesterday charmed a couple of dozen institutions with news of Polly Peck's fast-growing agricultural and consumer electronics business in Cyprus. He explained how Polly Peck can continue to generate high margins although no figures were mentioned. One observer said: "He came across extremely well. He was very positive." The shares remained firm at 237p.

The company's brokers, Northcott, thinks this is unlikely, and says the price rise represents a turn-round from the drifting of the last month.

The week ended leaving many dealers in a state of anticlimax over a couple of widely tipped takeover bids which did not materialize.

Commercial Union finished the session 3p lower at 221p, having hit 232p this week fuelled by prospects that a bid was likely at long last.

Commercial Union again led the field in the London Traded Option Market yesterday. It attracted 1,030 calls and 176 puts. All told there were 6,577 contracts of which 4,714 were calls.

COMPANY NEWS

IN BRIEF

● **WILLIAM LOW**, the Scottish supermarket group, made pretax profits of 22.8 per cent in 1984. Figures in millions of pounds. Turnover 25.9 per cent ahead at £100.3 million, in the 28 weeks to March 16. A 3-for-10 rights issue at 515p per share is proposed, to raise about £14.9 million. The money will be used to add 95,000 square feet of selling space through opening new stores and extending existing ones. A 20 per cent increase to 12p in the total dividend is forecast.

● **BRITISH ALCAN ALUMINIUM**: No dividend for 1984. Figures in millions of pounds. Turnover 622.6 (549.1). Operating profit 71.2 (44). Pretax profit 49.8 (22.1) after interest charges 21.4 (21.9). Tax 2.4 (3.1). Minorities 0.4 (0.1).

● **ULSTER TELEVISION**: Half-year to Jan 31. Interim 2.5p (2.25p). Figs in £000. Turnover £,050 (7,217). Pretax profit 946 (876).

● **HOLLES BROS E.S.A.**: No dividend for 1984, but the board will resume payments as soon as possible. Figs in £000. Turnover 30,113 (20,416). Pretax profit 863 (367).

● **THE HENDERSON GROUP** has acquired the contents and business of ELS (Electronic Locking Systems) for £172,000.

● **KEEP TRUST**, the bond of Keep Trust is recommending to shareholders that every five ordinary shares of 5p each be consolidated into one new ordinary share of 25p.

● **J. S. D. COMPUTER GROUP**: Final 1.5p, making 1.5p (0.7p) for 1984. Figs in £000. Turnover 7,097 (5,385). Pretax profit 408 (40).

● **GARFUNKELS RESTAURANTS**: Results for 1984. Proposed one-for-one scrip issue. Final 0.87p, making 1.3p (1.25p). Figs in £000 and including Sweets Restaurants for the whole of 1983 and 1984, as adjusted to group's accounting policies. Turnover 18,097 (12,935). Pretax profit 2,111 (1,372).

● **GABLE HOUSE PROPERTY**: Half-year to Dec 31. Interim Div. 1.25p (1p). Turnover £3.24 million (£2.07 million). Pretax profit £316,039 (£213,119). The board is confident that pretax profits for the year will satisfactorily exceed last year's £671,176.

● **J. E. ENGLAND AND SONS (WELLINGTON)**: Results for 1984. No dividend (same). Turnover £6.14 million (£5.13 million). Pretax profit £17,031 (loss £165,889).

● **TALBEX GROUP**: Half-year to Jan 31. No Figs. in £000. Turnover 6,933 (4,534). Pretax and posttax profit 82 (9).

TEMPUS

Dollars' demise knocks down Hammerson's net assets

The focus of attention at Hammerson Property yesterday was not so much on what happened up to the year-end but what has happened since. The falling dollars of Canada, Australia and the US provide the greatest source of concern as the continued strength of sterling takes its toll on the group's net assets value.

At the year-end, Hammerson reported a net assets value per share of 602p, up from 520p. However, some City estimates now put that at around 560p, largely because of the weakness of the Canadian and Australian currencies.

The Group has more than 50 per cent of its net assets overseas with the largest chunks in Canada and Australia. Currency fluctuations therefore, become an important part of the net assets equation and this has been reflected in the weakness in the shares of late.

Pretax profits at £33.4 million for the year, up from £26.9 million were, however, in line with the market's expectations and, if anything, a little better. The shares, though, were grudgingly unmoved at 475p.

Aside from the uncertainties over currency, there is also a suspicion in some quarters of the City that Hammerson's gearing ratio is getting a little too unwieldy for the company's liking, which could well precipitate some kind of fund-raising exercise.

Hammerson denies vigorously the need for a rights issue. Gearing was below 30 per cent at the year-end and, although it could creep up to 60 per cent by the end of his year, it is still relatively modest compared with that of some other property companies. If the company does need to bring the ratio down, it is more likely to be achieved through

an acquisition than through a rights issue.

This year, Hammerson could make pretax profits of around £38 million. It is likely to be a year of consolidation and the shares might even drift a shade lower in the short term. On a longer-term view, however, the prospects are more encouraging.

Giscard bond

Continued uncertainty over the French Government's willingness - and indeed ability - to repay the Giscard bond in January, 1988 has not deterred US institutions from massive switching out of the dollar and into the bond in the past few weeks.

Year end disposals by French institutions and panic selling by the French personal sector, after a new tax regime for the bond was announced in November, pushed the discount on the repayment value up to around 35 per cent. Subsequent shrewd buying has subsequently trimmed the discount to 26 per cent.

Since the end of March the price has moved from just over Fr8,000 to a recent peak of around Fr8,500 and analysts like Danielle Kadeya Phillips and Drew, calculate that the price could push ahead to Fr12,000, assuming gold rises to some \$400. The recent sharp jump in gold prices to \$327 augurs well.

Market whispers that the French Government has prepared for redemption of the bond, worth some £5 billion at current prices, by selected gold purchases out of reserves providing security.

Gifts

A tap is a tap is a tap, as Gertrude Stein clearly an intuitive gift trader, might have quipped, after posing mesmerizing

questions about monetary policy. And the Bank of England knows this very well. The status of taps can change, according to the state of play in the market.

Yesterday's weekly moment of truth, at 3.30, certainly contained an event. The Government Broker appeared, announced £650 million of funding instruments, split into three extra issues of existing stock, and then disappeared, leaving the market to its ruminations. Is the Government Broker after the money, or is he playing it very long, trying to discourage the market from its enthusiasms?

The £250 million tranche of Exchequer 12 1/2 per cent 1990 looks designed to sell out. The jobbers, reportedly, are short of the stock, and in theory ought to bid the Government Broker for the tablet quite quickly.

The same could be said of the £250 million offering of Exchequer 10 1/2 per cent 1995. Priced at over 97, the stock is in an area where the authorities have detected demand recently. The discount on par certainly would not discourage some funds from applying for second helpings.

This comment applies with even greater force to the £150 million tranche of Treasury 11 1/2 per cent 2001-2004. High coupon stocks, priced at well over par (£107 or thereabouts) are not exactly the market's dream offering.

Logically, therefore, yesterday's new stocks must represent a neat compromise by the authorities between the need to sell stock to mop up the hot money currency inflows, and the desire to issue gifts which sit lightly on the market and slow it down.

Yesterday's penal lending to the discount houses at 12 1/2 per cent reinforces the message of gradualism over rate cuts

RECENT ISSUES


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| Blagden Int 25p Ord (185a) | 111 |
| Crown Int Prod 10p Ord (185a) | 102 |
| Cullen's Hodge 10p Ord (185a) | 127 |
| Dorman Sideral Co 5p Ord (185a) | 102 |
| Holmeswood Hodge 10p Ord (185a) | 150 |
| Lauder Thomson 25p Ord (185a) | 90-1 |
| Mann & Co 25p Ord (185a) | 70 |
| Mayhew Foods 10p Ord (185a) | 125 |
| Merriman Int 10p Ord (185a) | 118-2 |
| Norwell Hotels 25p Ord (185a) | 118-2 |
| Osborne & Little 5p Ord (185a) | 206 |
| Pope Group 10p Ord (185a) | 88-3 |
| Scott Greenham 10p Ord (185a) | 105-1 |
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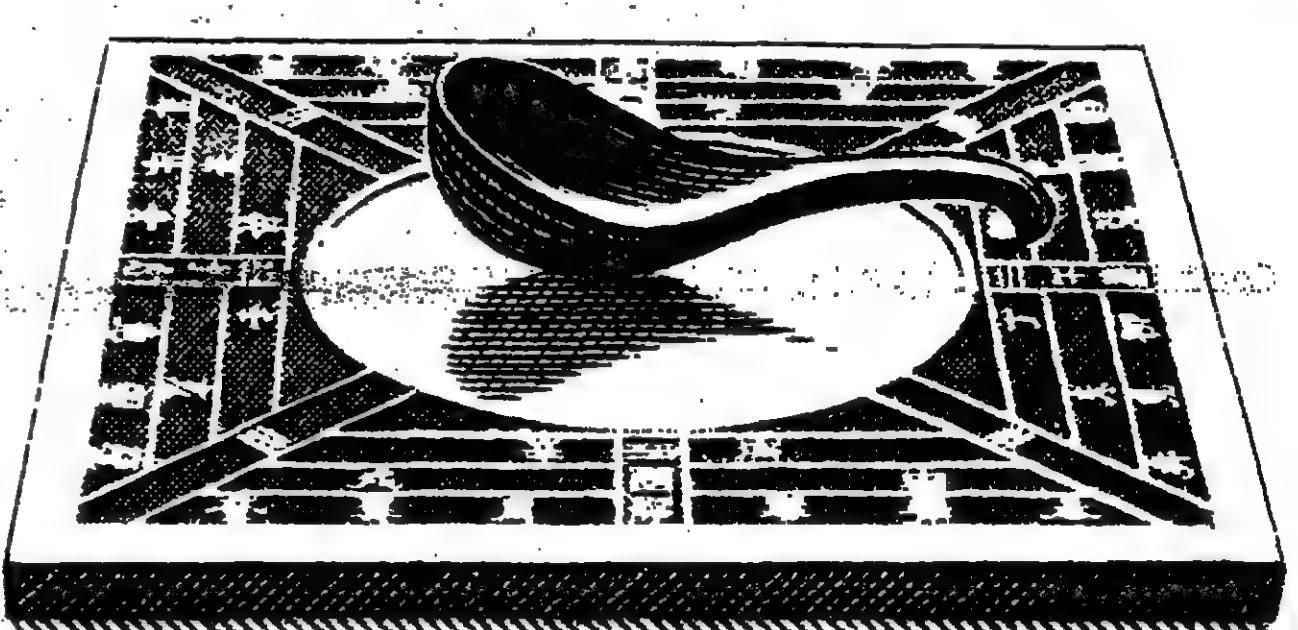
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A few weeks ago Barings acquired full ownership of Henderson Baring Management Limited, and changed its name to Baring International Investment Management Limited.

Only HBM's name has changed - the established management, with its wide experience of equity markets in Japan and the Far East, remains unchanged.

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Contact your professional adviser, or Peter Hall at Baring Fund Managers Limited, 8 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4AE, for further information about these new unit trusts.

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Edited by Lorna Bourke

'Phantom' bet pays off for Index punter

It depends on your viewpoint where you draw the line between speculation and straightforward gambling, but Ken Dowling, a piping designer, does not fit the stereotype of a City investment man.

He has just won £1,000 on the IG Index's "Phantom Bet" competition by correctly forecasting a big rise in the price of Deutschmark options - an isotonic transaction even by City standards. The rise in the price from 44 points to 100 in 15 days was the largest movement in the competition.

"Investors" with an IG Index can place bets on the way a number of commodity prices or indices will move - either up or down. Mr Dowling staked a nominal \$12.50 per point on Deutschmark options. Had the bet been for real his total outlay would have been \$550.

At the end of 15 days his notional profit was \$700. IG Index ran the competition to promote its index betting service. It provides what it describes as a "bookie" service for the City.

The promotion has been such a success that IG Index is to run a similar competition, this time offering a real bet at a 50 per cent reduction on the normal minimum bet. The prize is a day at Ascot and £250 betting money.

Conveyancing battle takes new turn

Anything that can simplify the housebuying process must be a good thing. A joint working party, comprising representatives of the Law Society, and the three major estate agents' professional bodies has been turning over this knotty problem.

The main recommendations of the working party, which reported this week,



Mr and Mrs Ken Dowling receive a cheque from Mr Stuart Wheeler, (right) of IG Index, a City betting service

where a common code regulating combined advertising by solicitors and estate agents should be prepared, and that solicitors and estate agents should be encouraged to put together housebuying packages.

Some professionals are already streamlining their services. Pictoris, a firm of solicitors with seven offices in Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire, has just launched a HomeLine scheme - a conveyancing package which covers all the professional elements in buying or selling a house at a pre-determined price.

Survey on credit

If you are buying a house or contemplating an extension a Survey-based firm of chartered building surveyors will accept payment of fees through Access or Barclaycard. An independent survey of a house you are considering buying is always a good

idea, but at about one half a per cent of the purchase price it can be a considerable extra burden when funds are already stretched. By using a credit card you can defer payment for a month or more - interest free if you pay up in full at the end of the month. Otherwise you can pay in monthly instalments.

Tiffin, Ferraby and Taylor has offices also in Wolverhampton, and operates in Greater London, Berkshire, Sussex, Hampshire and the West Midlands. Its head office address is Strand House, 169 Richmond Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, (01) 549 8763.

Travel protection

Holidaymakers booking through any of American Express Travel Service's 48 British offices will benefit from a new protection scheme. Without extra charge the scheme extends the existing cover offered by ABTA, and also covers failure not only of tour operators, but of cruise

lines, ferry services, car hire companies and LTA airlines.

In the event of the financial collapse of an operator, American Express Travel will organize an alternative holiday or travel arrangement, or a full refund. It will also bail out holidaymakers stranded abroad.

The service extends to all bookings made through an Amex Travel Service office, and is not restricted to package deals.

Teachers' guide

A new book by Norman Tozer will be published on Monday as a "guide for teachers in middle and secondary schools". It introduces teachers to the need and methods of consumer education for children, as well as giving some historical information and some international views on the subject.

The book also provides a useful reference section to show where to go for more information. Introducing Consumer Education is the first of a six-book series - Consumer File - to be published later this year, all sponsored by the Midland Bank.

Introducing Consumer Education, Forbes Publications, 120 Bayswater Road, London W2 3JH, price £3.50.

Tax reminders

Around Budget time the newspapers and magazines are full of details of tax changes. Unfortunately, when you are later wrestling with your tax returns, you usually find that you have thrown all the references away.

Boyton Financial Services will come to your rescue with a set of free tax tables, available to anyone who writes for them. The address is PO Box 14, Hatfield, Essex, CO8 4DT.

Business burden

Directors of small companies have only a low awareness of accounting standards, according to a survey

conducted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants. The aim was to discover whether compliance with accounting standards and disclosure requirements of company law impose an undue burden on small companies.

The survey found that compliance places an administrative burden only a little less onerous than VAT. However, directors of small companies were revealed as having only a low awareness of accounting standards, and although they apparently get little advice from their accountants, most small companies are satisfied with the service they get.

Welsh bonus

If you were thinking of investing in Scottish Mutual's new range of personal investment bonds it may pay to do it through the Investment adviser, Tudor Jones and Associates.

It is offering bonus allocations of units in the funds claimed to be 4.5 per cent higher than available elsewhere. The official launch date of the bonds is May 23 when units will be offered at 100p. Full details from Tudor Jones and Associates, 3 Boverton Road, Llantwit Major, South Glamorgan CF8 9XZ. Tel: 04465 3918.

Computer cover

What would it cost in lost business if your computer were damaged in an office fire? It is a question that most small businessmen prefer not to think about, but insurance cover is essential for such an eventuality.

Norwich Union has brought out a new version of its computer insurance policy, available for any non-portable computer, irrespective of value. The policy gives all risks cover with automatic reinstatement of the sum insured after a claim.

For records and data, the value of materials and all rewrites costs are covered on the insured business premises anywhere in Britain. Optional extensions include accidental or malicious erasure, and consequential

loss following breakdown of the installation, air conditioning, and accidental failure of the electricity supply or telecommunications. Details from Norwich Union, 1 Saint Stephens Street, Norwich, NR1 3TA.

Surprise choice

Trustee Savings Bank has been researching investments made in Unitbuilder regular savings scheme, and has come up with some interesting findings. Unitbuilder invests in TSB unit trusts and, not surprisingly, some 40 per cent of the money taken in since launch has gone into British growth and general trusts.

But the sector to attract the next highest sum of money is TSB's Natural Resources trust, which took in 19 per cent of funds invested through Unitbuilder - just ahead of the International Trust at 18 per cent, and substantially more than income trusts, which accounted for 12 per cent.

Mr Geoff Gray, TSB's unit trust marketing chief, said: "One in five new investors has opted for our Natural Resources trust. We believe this may be due to investors recognising the benefits of pound-cost averaging." This is the term which describes how market fluctuations favour the regular investor.

"Natural Resources unit trust tends to be more volatile than others, and higher investment returns could be anticipated as a result," commented Mr Gray.

Missing figures

In our tables last week of with-profit and unit-linked performances, several names and figures belonging to the 10-year section were inadvertently duplicated in the 15-year tables. These should have included instead the following: With-profits - Scottish Life £3,485, Clerical Medical £2,229, Ecclesiastical £2,202, Unit-linked - M & G Smaller Companies £13,453, M & G Second General £12,911, Scottish Widows (Invest) £12,888.

Views on insolvency sought

Anyone who has ever been made bankrupt will know just what a nightmare it can be (see page 27). But the Government is anxious to ensure that the families of bankrupts are not made innocent victims of circumstances. It is inviting views on how to create a more appropriate balance between the interests of creditors, and a bankrupt's family in the family home.

Amendments are to be introduced to the Insolvency Bill which has just completed its passage through the House of Lords, and anyone with views on this difficult and emotional subject must make their representations before Friday, May 24.

The aim of the review is to achieve a reasonable balance between the two conflicting interests, and the Review Committee has put its thoughts on paper. It says: "It would clearly be wrong to allow a debtor or his family to continue to live in a lavish style at the expense of the creditors for an extended period." The view is that potential hardship to the bankrupt's family is caused by sudden or precipitate eviction.



Base Rate

With effect from the close of business on 19th April and until further notice TSB Base Rate will be 12½% p.a.

Trustee Savings Banks
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NatWest announces that with effect from Friday, 19th April, 1985, its Base Rate is decreased from 13.00% to 12.50% per annum.

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Courts & Co.

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announces that on and after 19th April, 1985

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On acceptance, your policy will be posted to you along with a bank Direct Debit form, which is needed for your future monthly payments. You then have 15 days to examine your policy. If you are in any way dissatisfied, simply return your policy to GRC. It will be cancelled without question and your payment will be refunded immediately. That's the Guardian money-back guarantee.

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Next Thursday Christie's brings an outstanding 558 lots of fine wine under the hammer, almost entirely from English cellars. This is the eighth "top class wine sale" held at the King Street saleroom in London this year.

Such is the strength of the market for investors that Christie's reports a record £1 million netted in just two specialised Bordeaux sales and two fine wine auctions.

Most of the stock comes from private sources, so it does not attract VAT - a bonus over purchasing from merchants, where it is imposed on both the cost price of the wine and on the precise element.

Country house cellars in Oxfordshire, Somerset and Surrey contributed to the sale, and the wines are now lying either at the auctioneers or at an approved warehouse.

For the claret buyer, vintages pre-1970 are on offer. The spread of no less than 22 châteaux from the 1961 vintage, regarded as the finest since the Second World War, will make an interesting commentary on the state of the market.

For the coming soft fruit season, there should be demand for quality dessert white Bordeaux, like Fihot, Ricusac, Guiraud and 15 vintages of d'Yquem, the premier grand cru classé of sauternes.

Burgundy, following the recent Hospices de Nuits sale in France, will be keenly followed.

Conal Gregory

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Offshore confusion for currency investors

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Investing in the world's currencies is rarely an easy or entirely risk-free activity at the best of times. Investing in the US dollar, however, has been little short of hair-raising for many investors over the past few months as its value soared towards parity with sterling, and has now fallen back to near \$1.30 to the pound.

So if you want foreign currency exposure, confusion over the way to get it can be fatal. Yet this kind of confusion appears to be widespread.

The trouble occurs mainly in the foreign currency offshore funds. The two types of currency funds on offer from a wide variety of companies are deposit and managed funds. The difference between them is fundamental in a number of ways.

Deposit funds, as their name suggests, do not switch out of the currency in which they are denominated and the money in the fund is simply placed on deposit for maximum yields. You are, however, free to switch your money yourself from say, yen into dollars, but the decision is yours.

Managed funds are actively switched from one currency to another, and then put on deposit. This gives rise to a difference in risk and in overall performance.

So if, as a sterling-based investor, you want no currency exposure at all, you will go for a sterling deposit fund where your capital is completely safe and never moves out of the home currency. If you trust your own judgment on currencies and wish, say, exposure to the US dollar, you will put your money in a dollar deposit fund.

Although your capital is not at risk within the fund, you may experience an exchange gain or loss, depending on how the US dollar moves against sterling between the time you move into the fund and back out again into pounds.

But if you want exposure to a range of currencies other than the one you make the initial investment in, and trust someone else's judgment, you will go for a managed currency fund. Your initial investment may be in sterling, but the fund managers will change it into several other currencies in the hope of getting the best return. The kind of confusion that investors fall into in choosing a



The currency dealing room at Barclays Bank International.

fund is illustrated by a reader who put \$14,000 into the Guernsey-based Managed Dollar Fund of Holborn Fund Management. That was in February last year.

By November the fund was showing a loss, but believing that she had an exposure to dollars which were rising strongly, our reader thought she had misunderstood the figures. She hung on. By January she realised the mistake and sold her shares at a loss of \$1,060. Though dividend payments reduced her net loss to \$400.

Because of her confusion over the purpose of the funds she had in fact done exactly the opposite of what she had intended to do. Instead of keeping her dollars as dollars she had placed them in a type of fund which was bound to switch a substantial amount of her investment into other currencies. Rather than a managed fund, she should have gone for a dollar deposit fund where her dollars would have remained dollars.

Holborn explained the mistake when she wrote to them in bewilderment. "In a prolonged period of US dollar strength, managed sterling funds benefit from holding dollars, as has our sterling fund", the company said. "Conversely, a managed

dollar fund, which as a matter of stated policy will hold currencies other than dollars, at least in part, is likely to perform poorly."

Other fund managers confirm that this is a perennial problem and find they have as much explaining to do. Peter Scott, of Gartmore Fund Managers, said: "Investors are utterly confused about the difference between managed and deposit currency funds. There is more general lack of understanding about this than any other aspect of the funds. There is sometimes almost as much confusion among intermediaries like insurance brokers and stock-brokers."

Most managed currency funds limit themselves to investing in the world's most important currencies, including the yen, Deutschmark, Swiss franc and sometimes the French franc as well as pounds and dollars.

Most companies offering deposit currency funds offer the same range of currencies, but an investor wishing to change his currency exposure has to make his own decision on when to switch from fund to fund, since each fund only includes one currency.

Richard Thomson

New way to high interest

This week Save and Prosper launched a high interest bank account called the Classic to complement its existing range. Both S&P and Barclays Bank also unveiled high interest cheque accounts aimed at small businesses and partnerships, and in the case of Barclays at firms' client funds.

When comparing the value for money which the extensive range of high interest accounts now offers, two things should be borne in mind.

First, is the rate of interest competitive? Second, what facilities or restrictions are attached to the account?

Inevitably there is some trade-off between the two. Usually the more restricted the account, the higher the interest rate, and vice-versa, although this is a rough and ready rule of thumb.

S&P's new Classic is aimed at a fairly wide market - people who want to earn a good return with few restrictions and all the normal current account-banking facilities. The minimum initial deposit is £500.

There is also a Visa card, which doubles as a £50 cheque guarantee card, and can be used to obtain cash from 5,500 Visa bank branches throughout Britain at no charge. Cash drawn on the card is debited immediately to the account, but other purchases only at the end of the month.

Overdrafts are also available, although not more than £1,000 unsecured, and the rates are fairly stiff. There is a charge of 22 pence a month if the end-month balance is less than £1,000.

The interest rate is 9.2 per cent or 9.8 per cent compounded annually, although only 5 per cent is paid on the first £500 when the balance is below £5,000.

S&P's corporate account is designed for small businesses, partnerships and clubs, and requires a minimum deposit of £5,000. There are no charges if the balance is kept over £2,500. The gross interest rate is 12.32 per cent.

The Barclays account for client funds aimed at solicitors, accountants and estate agents requires a minimum cleared balance of £10,000, and pays 12 per cent gross up to £100,000 (9 per cent net of tax), and a further half per cent gross on higher amounts.

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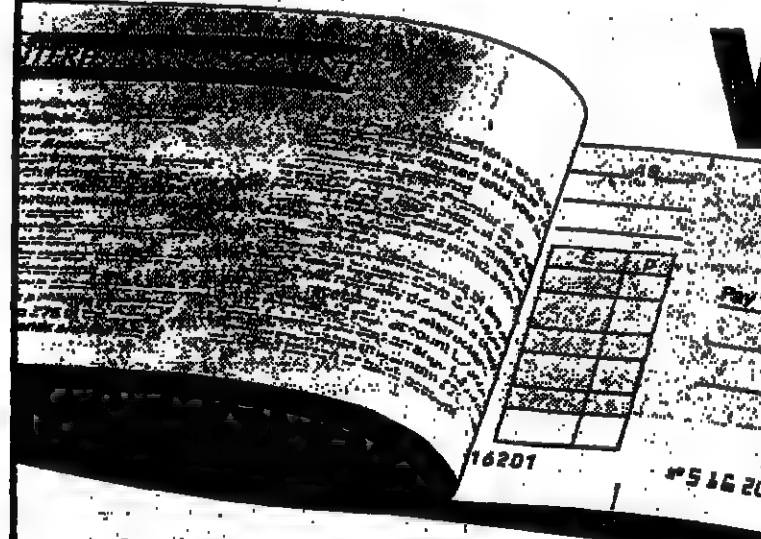
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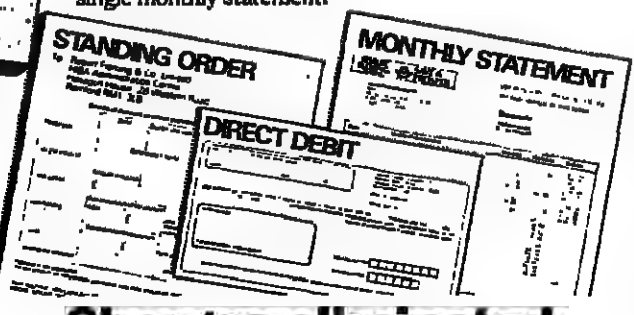
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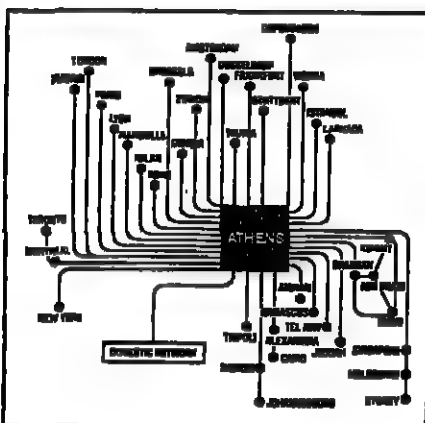
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More pay for informers?

TAX

Shivers are going down the spines of many accountants and tax planners at the news that senior Inland Revenue officials are asking for wider powers and resources to encourage informers to come forward and spill the beans. The recent submission of the Association of Her Majesty's Inspector of Taxes to an Inland Revenue review of its special inquiries branch states that: "there are very many people 'out there' waiting to give information and we see no reason why large amounts should not be paid after the event to successful informers - and the fact of the payment publicized as widely as possible. What is needed to break a great many schemes is inside knowledge and we should be doing everything that we can to get our hands on that knowledge."

The AIT is the top tax officers' trade union - it speaks for the higher grade Inland Revenue personnel, and the usually more vocal Inland Revenue Staff Federation represents middle and lower ranks. What both seem to have in common is an inclination to expound on tax policy.

Under a statute of 1890, the Inland Revenue has the power to pay informers - but only up

to £50. Any higher award has to be sanctioned by the Treasury. Peter Stokes, the president of the AIT, told *The Times*: "We tend to treat information that is volunteered in this way with caution as people rarely have completely pure motives. But there is evidence that encouraging informers does result in uncovering serious evasion. We think we should be able to offer something more than £50."

Mr Stokes said that his taxmen want these resources only to fight large-scale tax evasion and fraud. But his Association's proposals will be treated with horror by anyone who has been on the receiving end of a capricious inspector of taxes. Michael Koppel, a tax partner at accountants Spicer & Pegler, says: "The whole proposal seems fairly distasteful to the business of stimulating informers. It does not really appeal. Undoubtedly tax evasion takes place. What is just as worrying is the kind of pettiness shown by the Inland Revenue in its recent spate of investigations of perks and Schedule E taxpayers."

What worries many accountants is the way inspectors of taxes seem able to decide on their own policies. A clear example, according to David Tallon, of accountants Dearden & Farrow, was last year's case of the GCE examiner working in their spare time, who found that

suddenly the pittance they were paid which had previously been regarded as freelance earnings had tax deducted at source.

He says: "Admittedly a number of examiners were not declaring these earnings, but the point is that the taxmen were operating completely outside the law in the way they tackled the problem."

It is easy to see why there is opposition to giving the taxman even wider powers, but the imputations of the AIT's proposals on stimulating informers are even more nightmarish. The submission says that the inquiry branches' use of informers in the last few years has enabled it to look more closely than before into the affairs of clients of accountants or solicitors "with consequent substantial spin-off benefits in terms of further clients registered for investigation."

What this means according to Mr Tallon is that employees of firms of accountants or lawyers may be bribed to inform on their company's clients and activities.

Mr Tallon says: "I find the implications of that horrifying. How could we expect our clients to be honest with us if there was the fear that staff were being encouraged to inform for money? It is a simply appalling thought."

Maggie Drummond

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The last few months have been particularly confusing for investors but confidence is returning gradually. With memories of the miners' strike fast receding and the Pound recovering from its record lows, investors can concentrate now on the underlying economic improvement. Much of what was lost last year during the miners' strike will be recouped during coming months. We expect to see a steady rate of economic growth through 1985 and beyond with inflation held low and many U.K. companies continuing their success of the last two years in becoming considerably more efficient. Institutional investors are becoming increasingly confident as evidence has grown of a strong improvement in company profits. This optimism seems well justified. For example, the recent CBI survey suggests that Britain's industrialists are convinced that growth will be sustained.

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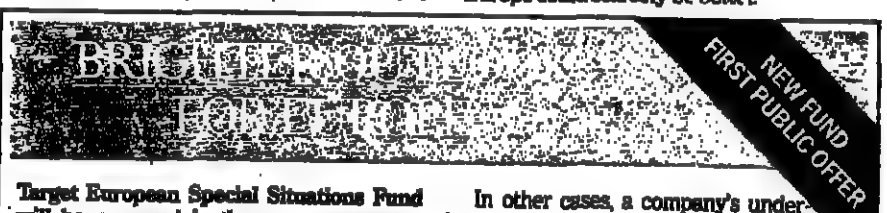
In France and Belgium, Governments are now giving attractive tax concessions to investors. This will lead to a growing long term commitment to the stockmarket by individuals. Many European markets, are being thrown open to ever wider participation which is generating increasing interest. Companies are becoming more and more aware of the value of equity financing and

some of the best known names in the world are acquiring the high profile in stockmarkets that they have always possessed in trading markets.

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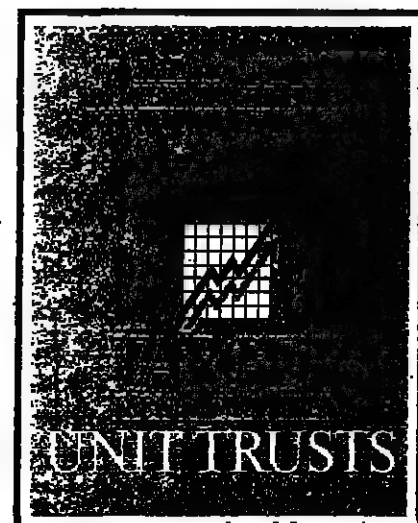
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My outlandish encounter with the Inland Revenue

How Sandy Fawkes fell from paid-up respectability into receivership

It is assumed that experiences are good for writers, essential even. Who would begrudge Hemingway his bar brawls and bullfighting, Scott Fitzgerald his early years with Zelda, or even Proust his *madeleine*?

However, some experiences are less welcome than others and, for the average struggling writer, being made bankrupt by the Inland Revenue must come pretty damn near the top of that list.

For me it all began at 10.45 am on a grey Monday morning last November with that authoritative bang on the door which instantly spells trouble to those whose financial history has included certain familiarity with bailiffs.

There stood a cosily wrapped lady waving a piece of paper from the High Court of Justice stating that a receiving order had been issued against me the previous Friday. I was astonished, as I thought the case was to be heard the following Monday.

A quick check with the petition I had received in September and which I had consulted at least twice a week in fear and panic - I was wrong. I had written the date in two diaries, had even coerced my 40n to accompany me to court, but I had misread the document every time. The appointment had been for the 16th, not the 26th.

Fraud would have called it stress. My reaction was equally monosyllabic and began with the same initial as his. So the horror started. From now on I belonged to the Official Receiver.

First I had to hand over my cheque book and banker's card, current bank statements and outstanding bills; I was allowed to keep the three quid in my handbag.

To the questions of thrift such as whether I had any savings, building society accounts, valuable jewellery, shares or expectations of being mentioned in someone's will, my answers were all desperately inadequate negatives.

The lady then announced that she must inspect the contents of my flat... and visions of burly men waiting to strip the place of everything except the bed, a chair and the typewriter cost me my last cigarette.

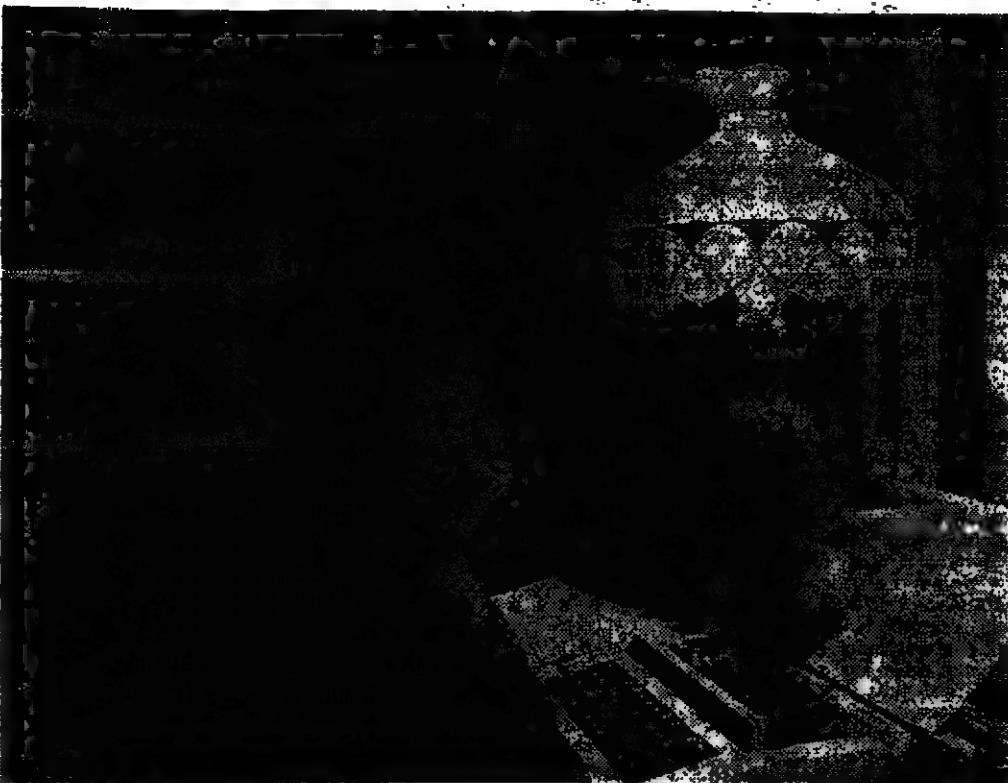
Fortunately my housekeeping has always been of the Quentin Crisp class and the only laugh of the day came from my own reaction as she solemnly assessed my beloved collection of junk as "cheap, worth about £200". Relief, might indignation, and won.

She was right. I was not worth the expense of a pick-up van. She was a nice lady and sympathetic to my plight, but her comment, after spending two hours surveying my life, floored me: "Perhaps you should try to get a job to support your writing."

Reviewing 20-odd years of working as a journalist, publishing four books and bringing up three children, I still wince at that remark.

I was then informed that all future earnings, whether from royalties, advances on books or freelance journalism, must be paid direct to the Official Receiver, and, furthermore, I must not borrow or run up credit.

So how was I expected to live? Three quid wouldn't even buy a comfy suicide. Sign on, I



Sandy Fawkes at her typewriter in St James's Street, London

was told, and another unknown chasm yawned.

After two days of abject self-pity, I wiped my eyes and attended my first meeting with the Deputy Official Receiver, who would examine my case.

The Department of Official Receivers in London is housed in the Thomas More Building in the Strand and there is a modest portrait of himself positioned above the lifts... at least they can't do that to us, though why they have topped off his title along with his head I am not quite sure.

The waiting room is decorated in dingy cream with putrid pink surrounds and on the wall someone has savagely etched VICTIMS. On the ensuing weeks this, along with the rest of the 11-storey building, has been repainted - no government cuts here.

The first session lasts about three hours, during which one suffers a sensation akin, I imagine, to drowning. All your past mistakes and misbegotten hopes parade before your eyes.

The long overdue debts which you always intended to

pay on the Bible and paying £3 for the privilege. The excuses sound pathetically feeble, and all too familiar to any author - a publisher who did not print enough copies for me to go into profit, another who actually did a bunk with my royalties, the recession forcing editors to use fewer freelancers.

All true, but somehow bestowing a sense of personal guilt. The staff at the courts are compassionate and courteous, which helps one feel not quite such a criminal, but cannot really ease the deep despair that surrounds bankruptcy proceedings.

The confrontation with reality continues with the act of signing on and applying for social security for the first time in my life. The first part is simple - a pleasing indifferent courtesy from the staff takes care of initial embarrassment.

Then one is handed a purple supplementary benefit form to fill in and take to the DHSS building up the road... and in here one really learns how the underbelly of our society lives.

Every new arrival takes a ticket which is seldom 80

nor listen. The only television discussed by the young regulars is *Spitting Image*. On one visit there was a rare moment of universal camaraderie when a Mr Paul Getty was summoned to the counter.

After three months of attendance, during which my papers were mislaid twice, I received a cheque backdated to November made out to A/C Payee only, a finesse of cruelty since a bank account was one of the things denied me.

I sorted that out via the Post Office but had it not been for the bounteous generosity of my friends and the loving support of my family I could have starved in the welfare state to which I owed a measly £4.338, hardly a sum to unbalance the national debt. It is a sum now lodged with the Official Receiver, where it sits earning no interest, and which, by the time my case is heard, will have been practically repaid to me by the state.

Should I be forced to sell my home I shall then become even more of a burden to the state.

It is difficult not to feel paranoid about the Inland Revenue and its attitude to writers, actors, artists and musicians. These taxmen appear to believe we are indeed a load of liars, cheats and freeloaders. They can have no idea how heavily debt lies on the creative urge and I doubt if they have ever had to weigh up between the price of a new typewriter ribbon and tomorrow's breakfast.

Admittedly I have not been an efficient money-manager, but the State has nothing to boast about. No sooner has one answered a letter from Salford than along comes an identical request from Worthing or somewhere.

The final affront will come at the end of this emotionally exhausting, time-consuming experience. Whether I am made bankrupt or the case is rescinded, I still have to pay the High Court of Justice a fee for its time, a sum which will be assessed at its convenience and which will probably occur just as I think I am on my feet again.

I wonder if I shall be able to claim it against expenses? Meanwhile, I am contemplating writing to the Chancellor with the suggestion that he brings in income tax stamps. They could be a godsend to those of us whose good intentions are sometimes overwhelmed by a desire to enjoy this life we pass through but once.

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pay when the next big cheque comes in add up to a sum you have hitherto avoided acknowledging. My only asset turns out to be the roof over my head, and the bank which owns it must be informed.

The bank moves swiftly to state that my interest rate will continue during the legal process and to remind me of its powers under the law of Property Act 1925, meaning I can be forced to sell to cover the loan.

The meetings with the Official Receiver continue approximately every 10 days, with every penny I have earned and spent during the past four years scrutinized, and I learn the source of my dilemma.

The bank had not honoured my standing order to the Inland Revenue. All monies paid in had gone straight into my home loan overdraft. In these computerized times they are not obliged to inform customers and unfortunately I am the sort of person who reads only the bottom figure to see how far in or out of the black I am.

Three months later I have to sign my "confession", swearing

numbers below that shown above the glass-fronted counters manned by the overworked staff. There are about 40 seats in a room filled always with about 200 people patiently awaiting their turn. The air is thick with smoke, resignation and anxiety.

The people vary enormously from outrageous punks - the girls in wild hair and vicious make-up that must have taken hours to apply, the boys in painted leather jackets and brass-studded trousers - to sad middle-aged men in skimpy overcoats, clutching plastic bags that probably contain their only relics of a working past, handing in their hostel dockets.

Between them is a host of youths in nylon anoraks and young women with mercifully passive children.

Apart from the occasional wino and the old bag lady who has come in for the warmth, there is little personal uncleanness, but after five hours of waiting, around the language becomes foul with frustration.

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Insurance companies and brokers are offering packages to employers, and in some cases to individuals who feel they need a plan of action for life after 65.

Legal and General, which pays out more pensions than any other company in Europe, started pre-retirement seminars "to round off our service". The courses offered to employers are either one or two days long, but last year they began free evening sessions for the general public.

The first, held in Croydon, South London for 400 people attracted twice as many, so a second session was immediately planned. Forthcoming evenings are to be held on May 21 in Newport, South Wales, on June 11 in Brighton, and on June 25 in Birmingham.

A Legal and General official said: "We hope to get people four or five years before retirement. Half the battle is trying to tell them what is available. Often people are not aware of their options, and sometimes, for instance, they don't realise that they have to apply for certain state benefits."

The Prudential started its courses last summer. Employers pay £100 a day plus VAT for each student. There are one-day seminars for people five to seven years away from retirement, and two-day courses for those one or two years away or taking early retirement. The next course is being held at the Pru's Holborn headquarters on May 9-11.

"We always have independent speakers," said Roy Elms who organizes the sessions.

Commercial Union also has independent speakers at its pre-retirement courses. It runs courses at Douces Manor, West

Malling, Kent, where couples grew out of staff courses, and the first one to be opened to the public was held last year - the next is one May 15, 16 and 17.

The Pre-Retirement Association, which is growing into a focal point for all such schemes, has its own field training officer and a resources officer, with library facilities at Surrey University. It runs one-day courses for no more than 15 couples for a total fee of £500. Week-long sessions are held in May and September at Pontins holiday camp for about £100.

Insurance brokers such as Godwins, Sedgevic Forbes and Noble Lowndes also run courses.



Keith Hughes, retirement counsellor for Legal and General, Britain's biggest pension group

Some make no charge, because they generate enough commission through the seminars to cover their costs: others set a fee. Noble Lowndes charges £50 (£75 for two) for a one-day seminar and a individual counselling session. Godwins' two-day courses cost £45 or £80 for a husband and wife for the open courses, and £60 or £110 for the executive courses.

Like many of the organizers, Mr Ken Melbourne, of Godwins, believes that people are more relaxed and free to ask about their personal situation if they are grouped with others earning roughly the same amount.

The content of the courses varies surprisingly little, al-

though the quality of the delivery and advice may vary widely. All agree that money is number one worry for those approaching retirement, so all the courses cover pensions, state benefits, tax planning and investment.

Most discuss making a will, starting a second career, working part-time or doing voluntary work, using leisure time, whether or not to move house, and keeping fit.

The Pre-Retirement Association courses go into eating, smoking and drinking habits, and using local services such as the Citizens Advice Bureaux and libraries.

Midland Bank's booklet "A New Beginning", which is given to the retired with a high interest cheque account, also goes into the psychology of retirement and hobbies, but the bank offers a free personal financial counselling session to delve into the details of financial strategy for old age.

Nobel Lowndes keeps the emphasis on finance in its one-day courses. It has a speaker to talk about state benefits. Delegates draw up a budget and discuss the details of age allowance, capital transfer tax and making a will.

"People usually want to talk about whether or not they should take a tax-free cash sum instead of part of their pension," says Mr Ian Wilson. "There are few cases when people should not take it."

"It can be used to avoid the age allowance trap by investing it to produce income that is not subject to tax, or even if it is used to buy an annuity it will probably produce a higher net income than it would be a part of the pension."

The question of whether to pay additional voluntary contributions (AVCs) to a company pension scheme up to the 15 per cent limit is usually raised, but by the time people go along to pre-retirement sessions it is usually too late to make any impact on their final pension.

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The only questions are: How far will the gold price climb - and how fast?

Gold shows new lustre as dollar loses some drive

At last, the gold gurus in the City have a glint of better days to come. For two years the shine on gold has been eclipsed by handsome real interest rates, booming stock markets and a strong dollar. Now things are changing.

Leading gold analyst, Julian Baring of stockbroker James Capel has been pessimistic about the prospects for gold while some of his counterparts have spied the rosy dawn from afar. But he, too, is now saying that we have seen the worst for gold. "We had been waiting for a sign, and the sharp rally in mid-March was it. It was clearly more than a technical rally in a bear market."

After hitting a low of \$284.25 on February 26, gold staged a glittering show in March, topping \$333 and holding the gains. On one day, March 18, it rose briefly to \$345 notching up the highest percentage rise ever within one day. Now the gold analysts agree that we have probably seen the low point for this year, and the only questions are how far is the price going to climb and how fast?

Mr Baring's \$370 as the crucial price level. Once gold has gone through this barrier we can be sure that the break with the bear markets of the past years is complete.

At the beginning of March Mark Wellesley-Wood of Grieson Grant, then saw a new era for gold. Worries about debtor nations defaulting have been replaced in the US by fears of a major banking collapse and domestic debt problems. He expects the US Government to take a more "flexible" monetary policy and hence fuel inflation. As gold has traditionally been held as a hedge against inflation this should bolster the gold price.

The dollar, he believes, should continue to slide during the year. But as it took the dollar over two years to reach its high, it is not going to drop from the skies overnight. The decline will be gradual, and the reflected rise in gold prices will also be gradual.

While demand for non-investment gold could rise by 10

per cent or more during the year, supply is likely to rise even faster. The collapse of the rand has meant that South Africa has been enjoying record gold prices. Several major mines in Australia, Canada and the US are due to start production within the next two years, adding up to a 17 per cent increase in world gold production.

Mr Wellesley-Wood expects gold to peak this year at around \$385 - an average price over the year of \$340 - with prices continuing to climb next year to an average of \$400.

At stockbroker Williams de Broe Hill Chaplin, Hugh Wil-

may be having an effect on the gold markets. Shares in a South African gold mining company could be jeopardized by a crisis in South Africa, yet buying the metal would have its value enhanced by a serious crisis which threatened production.

But Grieson Grant in its latest gold bulletin identified a clutch of mines in South Africa and elsewhere which promised lively performance, first because the share price was depressed in response to the long-term weakness of gold, and secondly the mines were due to increase production substantially in the next few years.

The shares include Central Norsemans and Emperor in Australia, Kenna and Lac Minerals in North America and Kioof and Vaal Reefs in South Africa. Grieson Grant suggests that investors buy shares three to six months before the scheduled mines start up and wait for rising gold prices and production to make their mark on the shares.

David Fuller, the gold guru of Chart Analysis, is an enthusiast of gold mine shares. He believes gold could hit \$400 this year and many gold prices could cause investment managers to view gold differently.

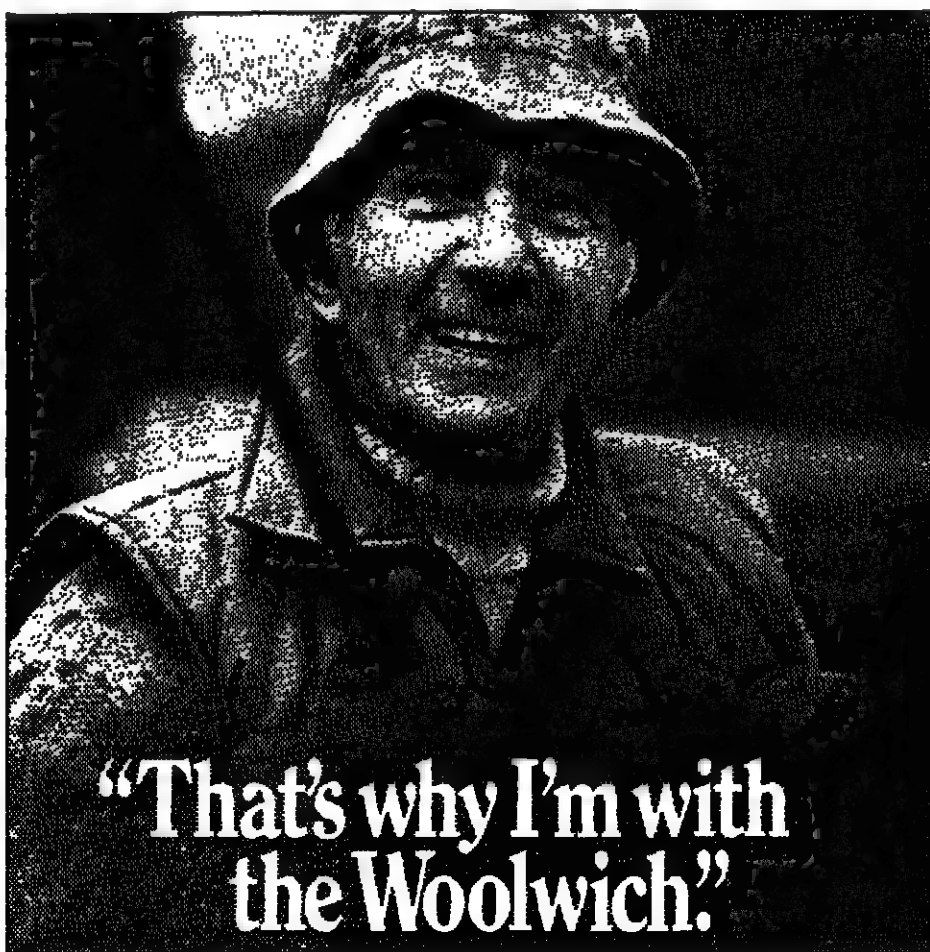
"I'm no gold-bug," says Mr Fuller, "but it only takes investment managers to decide that they ought to have 0.05 per cent of their portfolios in gold mines for the shares to bounce."

He plumps for mining shares rather than bullion as the best investment, because there is a shortage of good quality mining shares which should push prices higher than the corresponding rise in gold prices.

The entire gold mining sector of South Africa has a lower market capitalization than BP, so when investment fashion turns to gold mines, the scramble should be fierce. Indeed, prices have already started to climb and Mr Fuller admits potential investors will have to watch the sector carefully to spot an opening.

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| B of Scotland | 9.25 | 9.88 | 01 628 8050 |
| Barclays | 9.34 | 9.75 | 01 588 2777 |
| Midland High Net cheque account | 9.00 | 9.3 | 07 42 20889 |
| Openheimer Money Management Account | 9.63 | 9.98 | 01 298 9582 |
| over £10,000 | 9.81 | 10.05 | |
| S & P Co | 9.27 | - | 0709 66988 |
| Schroder Wagg | 9.72 | 10.16 | 0705 92733 |
| over £10,000 | 9.90 | 10.36 | 0705 92733 |
| Telford & Riley call | 9.98 | 10.29 | 01 238 0852 |
| T & R 7 day | 9.72 | 10.01 | 01 238 0852 |
| Tyndal 7 day | 9.62 | - | 0272 732241 |
| UDT 7 day | 9.52 | - | 01 638 4681 |
| Western Trust 1 month | 9.11 | 9.50 | 0753 261181 |
| Henderson Money Market Cheque Account | 9.36 | 9.68 | 01 498 5757 |
| M & G Hca | 9.16 | 9.56 | 01 628 5428 |
| HPC Trust 7 day | 9.71 | 9.98 | 01 236 8291 |

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Bank trusts are whiter than grey

Few investment advisers will stick their necks out so far as to make definite sell recommendations, but Premier Unit Trust Brokers have come out with the latest version of their annual income unit trust survey with some pretty tough stuff.

Income unit trusts are divided into "white trusts" - those where dividends exceeded inflation and capital growth beat the FT index during 1984; "grey trusts" where either dividends or capital growth (but not both) managed to beat their indices; and the "black trusts", where neither dividends nor growth managed to beat the indices.

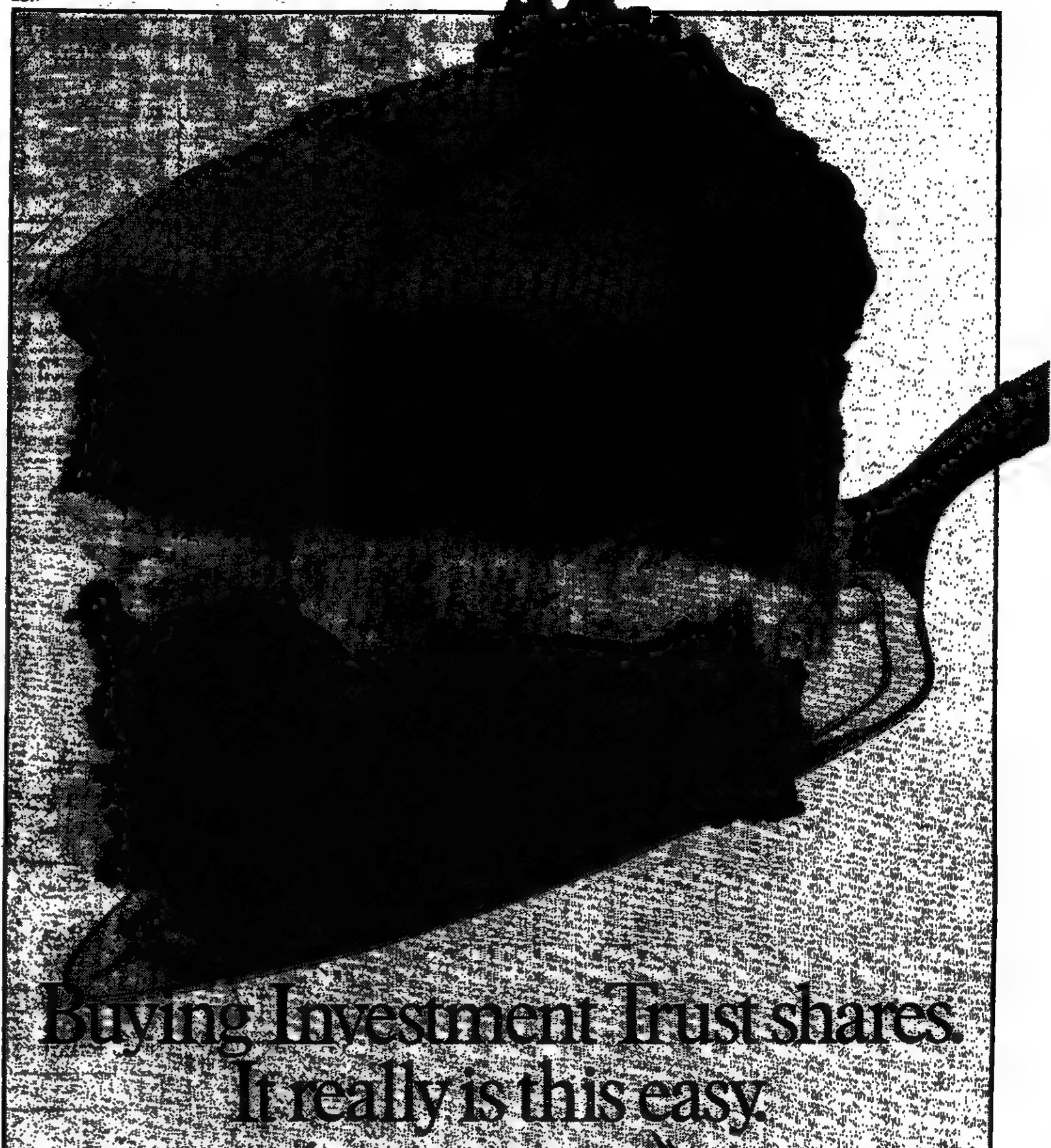
Top of the White List comes Rothschild New Court Income, TSB Income, Henderson Income and Growth and County Bank Income, all of which showed dividend growth of about 50 per cent and capital growth of 113 to 142 per cent over the three years to April 1, 1985 (January 1 for dividends).

But languishing at the bottom of the Black List come Oppenheimer Income and Growth, which actually suffered a dividend cut in 1984, Wardley Income, St Vincent High Income, Ridgefield Income, Quadrant Income, Arbutnot High Income and Buckmaster Income.

The report concluded: "The study, to a degree removes part of the heavy old view - much more deserved in the past - that funds run by the big banks are stuffy, middle-of-the-road, neither good nor bad. TSB, County Bank (was NatWest) and Lloyds show four funds in our white list and only Barclays Unicorn Extra Income appears on the black."

However, stockbroker in-house funds leave more to be desired. "That is a polite way of saying they have made a mess of things."

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| 2 | HAT | | | 12 | Brengren | | 22 | Barclays | |
| 3 | Wiggins | | | 13 | Carlson | | 23 | Hill Samuel | |
| 4 | Wimpey (George) | | | 14 | Carroll (R) | | 24 | Lon Sec Fin | |
| 5 | Laird (I) | | | 15 | Copson (P) | | 25 | Cornwall Nat | |
| 6 | Higgs & Hill | | | 16 | Burns Anderson | | 26 | Smith St Aubyn | |
| 7 | Mowlem (John) | | | 17 | Beaufort | | 27 | Nelson | |
| 8 | Watts Blake | | | 18 | Black Arrow | | 28 | Clive | |
| 9 | Shupe & Fisher | | | 19 | BBA | | 29 | Cater Allen | |
| 10 | Tilbury Group | | | 20 | BANKS DISCOUNT HP | | 30 | Bank of Scotland | |
| 31 | INDUSTRIALS A-D | | | | | | 31 | Spencer Clark | |
| 32 | Aggreco | | | | | | 32 | Sandhurst | |
| 33 | Beagren | | | | | | 33 | TSL Thermal | |
| 34 | Carlson | | | | | | 34 | Sidra | |
| 35 | Carroll (R) | | | | | | 35 | Simon Eng | |
| 36 | Copson (P) | | | | | | 36 | Vopak | |
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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities weaken

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Begin, Monday, Dealings End, April 26. Contango Day, April 29. Settlement Day, May 7.
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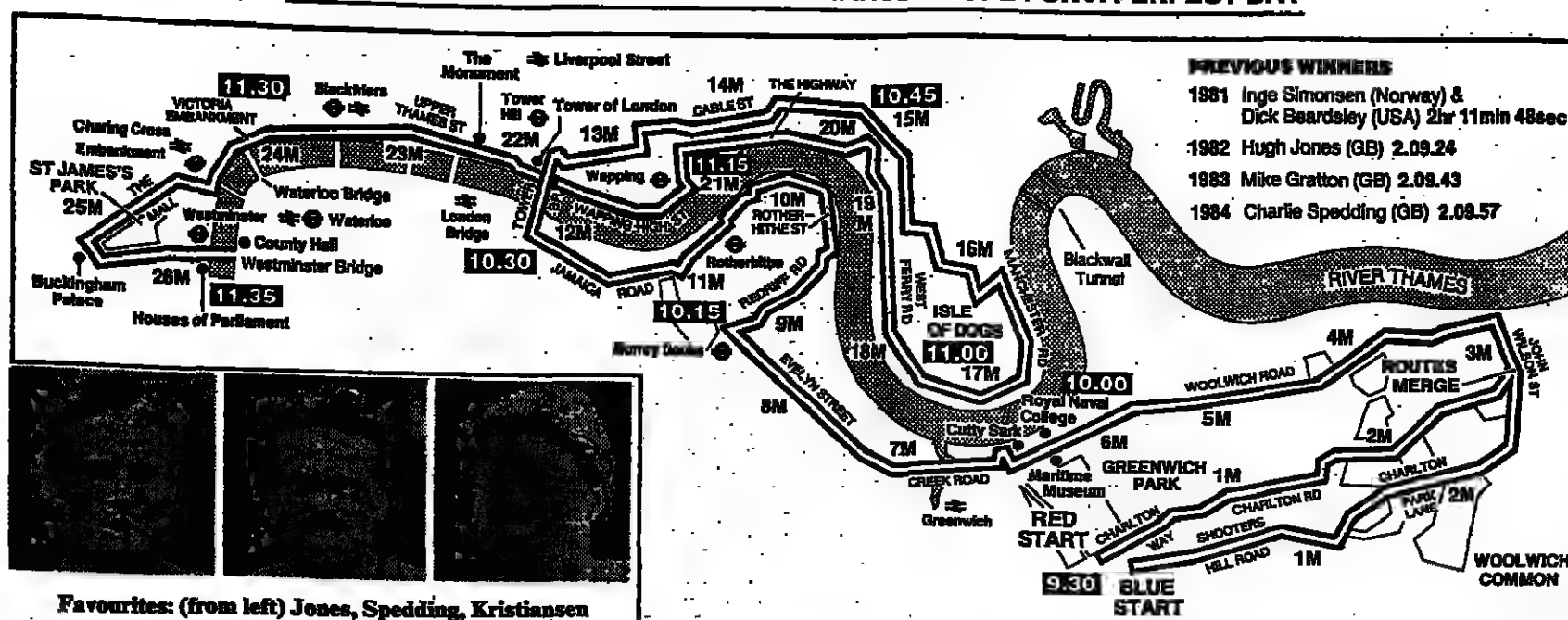
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LONDON MARATHON: JONES AND KRISTIENSEN HOPE FOR A PERFECT DAY



Favourites: (from left) Jones, Spedding, Kristiansen

18,000 in pursuit of the identikit man

By Pat Butcher

The fifth running, jogging, walking, wheeling or whatever of the Mars London Marathon gets under way from Greenwich Park at 9.30 tomorrow morning. The men's race has come of age, with a fascinating race in prospect between British favourites, Steve Jones, Charlie Spedding and Mike Gratton, with Christoph Herle of West Germany and Allister Hutton of Edinburgh ready to push the pace in the direction of Jones's world best of 2hrs 8min 5sec.

Ingrid Kristiansen, last year's winner and outstanding favourite tomorrow, intends to emulate her Norwegian compatriot, Grete Waitz, and set the second

world best in the race's short history. Mrs Waitz's feat was short-lived, however, since Joan Benoit set the current world best of 2:22:43 in Boston on the day following London two years ago.

Unlike last year, when Mrs Kristiansen ran 32 of the 42 kilometres alone, the women are starting with the men tomorrow, and the Norwegian thinks that that is just the impetus she needs to bridge the 1min 43sec gap between her time last year and Benoit's record.

A victory for Jones in the men's race, he is the current identikit of the perfect marathon runner, which is someone

with a long history of fast 10,000 metres track racing, whose training nonetheless tends towards withstanding the extra distance up to 26 1/4 miles.

He has more talent than either Spedding or Gratton and has always manifested as much, if not more, of the commitment which they have shown on the few but crucial occasions when they have run a world-class performance: Gratton winning London in 1983, Spedding winning his debut marathon in Houston 15 months ago by the thickness of a vest, repeating that victory (with more to spare) in London last year, and then winning a bronze medal in the Olympic Games.

The only advantages they have over Jones are the experience of several marathons - Jones set his world best in his only completed marathon - and the fact that they have concentrated on tomorrow's event for a long time, whereas Jones has only recently decided to run. The Welshman admitted as much yesterday when he said: "The race will be a battle between my fitness and their experience."

The threats from Herle and Hutton stem from their similar background to Jones as top-class 10,000-metre runners. The only thing that bothered Hutton when he arrived yesterday was the sight of Londoners stretched flat out in the noon sunshine. It

inspired the reflection that similar temperatures tomorrow might induce similar postures among the projected 18,000 starters, chasing the \$15,000 first prize, with another \$60,000 for a world best time.

Chris Brasher, the race director, revealed yesterday that the governors of the London Marathon want the BAAB to make an official application to hold the 1987 world marathon cup in conjunction with the London race.

Carlos Lopes, the Olympic champion, has announced he will attempt a world best time today's Rotterdam Marathon.

RUGBY LEAGUE

A weekend of worries for coaches

By Keith Mackillo

This is a nerve-racking long weekend for Roger Millward, the Hull Kingston Rovers coach. Rovers go to Barrow tomorrow in search of the win that will give them the championship, with a home game against Widnes on Tuesday as a long-stop if necessary. Millward has been at his wit's end trying to scrape together 15 players.

A similar burden has fallen on the shoulders of the St Helens coach, Bill Bevan, who has had to lose his own tired and injury-hit squad going in the hope that Rovers might slip up and give them the championship.

St Helens finish their programme at Leigh tomorrow and will not expect an easy task in this derby game, even though Leigh will be relegated.

Barrow, Leigh, Huddersfield and Wakefield go down, only Halifax staying up from last year's promoted sides. Swinton and Dewsbury, already assured of coming up, and will almost certainly be joined by York and Salford.

SQUASH RACKETS

'Wimbledon' era arrives

By Colin McQuillan

The ambition of the English Squash Rackets Association to build the "Wimbledon of Squash" around the late stages of the Davies and Tate British Open Championships at Wembley Conference Centre appear to be confirmed by record spectator interest in the quarter-finals and semi-finals which are being played this weekend.

More than 13,500 people are likely to watch the five finals sessions. They will be pleased that eight British players, six women and two men, have fought their way through to today's quarter-finals. The breakthrough of 19-year-old David Lloyd and 18-year-old Lucy Boucher is especially exciting.

In the women's event, Scotland's Heather Wallace and Miss Soutter face the top seeds, Susan Devoy, of New Zealand, and the British champion, Martina Hingis. The other semi-final places will be decided from Lisa Opie versus Alison Cumings and Angela Smith versus the Australian, Jan Miller. A home finalist is therefore assured, but few would bet against Miss Devoy retaining the title.

In the men's event, Lloyd and a revitalized Philip Kenyon face daunting opposition in respectively, Chris Dittmar, of Australia, and Omar Zaman, of Pakistan, but must be hopeful of semi-final places. In the other half of the draw, Jahangir Khan should comfortably progress past Gamal Awad, of Egypt, and the best of the two New Zealanders, Stuart Davenport or Ross Norman, to play his fifth successive final in search of a fourth British Open title.

MOTOR RACING

Lotus keep on the right track

John Player Team Lotus made the best possible use of rapidly changing track conditions to claim the two fastest times in the first qualifying session for tomorrow's Portuguese Grand Prix. Ayrton Senna whose lap in 1min 21.708sec was within a hundredth of a second of Nelson Piquet's 1984 pole position time, achieved his time during his first experience of running his car here on qualifying tyres, having been prevented from sampling them in the preliminary practice by a faulty fuel pump - the problem which had halted him in Brazil two weeks ago.

"I'm very glad we've finally tracked down the problem," he said afterwards. "But it meant that I wasn't sure how hard I could push the car on quallifiers. I now know that there was a bit more to come both from the car and from me."

A light drizzle had most drivers back in the pits after first Stefan Bellof and then Thierry Boutsen had headed the list of times. Then Derek Warwick put his Renault on a provisional pole position but as the track dried tomorrow, and with

From John Blunsden, Estoril more rain clearly on the way, he was unable to improve on his time after warning up his second set of qualifying tyres too quickly. Bellof's Renault put him in the top of the list before Senna in turn claimed the fastest lap of the day.

This was a miserable day for the Canon Williams team. Keke Rosberg hit a wall and considerably damaged his car. Then Nigel Mansell, heading back towards the pits as the rain increased, suddenly found himself being his own worst enemy, his car hitting a barrier. Riccardo Patrese had lost control of his Alfa Romeo and had slid into the team's garage. Eddie Cheever, who in turn had been launched into Mansell's car. There were no recriminations afterwards, once the cause of the incident had been agreed by all concerned.

Jonathan Palmer had made a useful day's progress with the new Zakspeed, running in a red and white colour scheme on his race debut.

Stefan Johansson's first drive for Ferrari ended abruptly with an

electrical failure on his race car but he switched to the spare to record a respectable time. He is "over the moon" with his Ferrari contract, even though he is likely to be under intense pressure in two weeks time when the grand prix circus moves to Imola and the Italian crowd will be looking for their usual Ferrari miracle.

Pirelli have yet to produce a fully competitive qualifying tyre, which is still some hindrance to Piquet in particular but much is expected from their race tyres and the Brabham team leader can be relied upon to move rapidly up through the field tomorrow.

Marlboro McLaren are not exactly qualifying specialists - they prefer to concentrate on race preparations - so third and fifth for Niki Lauda and Alain Prost are promising indeed at the halfway stage of qualifying and a reminder to all that they will be the most difficult team of all to beat tomorrow when the European Formula One season gets under way.

PRACTICE TIMES that season 1: A. Bellof (GB), Lotus-Renault, 21.708sec; 2. E. Cheever (GB), Lotus-Renault, 21.708sec; 3. Lauda (AUT), Ferrari, 22.000sec; 4. Prost (F), Ferrari, 22.000sec; 5. Piquet (BRA), Williams, 22.000sec; 6. A. Prost (F), Ferrari, 22.000sec; 7. D. Warwick (GB), Renault, 22.000sec; 8. A. Prost (F), Ferrari, 22.000sec; 9. T. Boutsen (BEL), Renault, 22.000sec; 10. B. Cheever (GB), Alfa Romeo, 22.000sec; 11. J. Palmer (GB), Lotus-Renault, 22.000sec; 12. J. Bellof (GB), Lotus-Renault, 22.000sec; 13. N. Mansell (GB), Williams-BMW, 22.000sec; 14. P. Tambay (F), Renault, 22.000sec; 15. S. Johansson (SWE), Ferrari, 22.000sec; 16. J. Bellof (GB), Lotus-Renault, 22.000sec; 17. J. Palmer (GB), Lotus-Renault, 22.000sec; 18. J. Bellof (GB), Lotus-Renault, 22.000sec; 19. J. Palmer (GB), Lotus-Renault, 22.000sec; 20. J. Bellof (GB), Lotus-Renault, 22.000sec; 21. J. Palmer (GB), Lotus-Renault, 22.000sec; 22. J. Bellof (GB), Lotus-Renault, 22.000sec; 23. J. 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RACING: AL BAHATHRI STILL ON COURSE FOR GUINEAS DESPITE DEFEAT

Right-hand Man can give Bradley National treble

Swinnburn excels on Stoute filly

By Michael Seely

Having already won the Welsh National and Irish Nationals this season, that stylish jockey Graham Bradley stands a good chance of bringing off a treble at Ayr today by winning the William Hill Scottish National on Right-hand Man.

Typically, in the Grand National itself Bradley is further than the first fence on Hullo Dandy who had won the race 12 months earlier. Having finished second in the Cheltenham Gold Cup, Right-hand Man is entitled to carry top weight. He will also rely on the going as well as the longer distance of four miles and 120 yards. He won over that sort of trip at Haydock in November before plunging the mud at Chepstow in December to win the Welsh National.

A Kinsman and last year's winner, Andromeda, would be big dangers at the best, but I prefer Right-hand Man, whose overall form this season has been so much more consistent.

Bradley will also be on State Case for Monics and Northern Group Future Champions Novices' Chase, but he has jumped indifferently and unseated his rider in his last two races. So in this instance I prefer the Irish challenger Buck House, who was runner-up to Boreen Prince in the Arkle Challenge Trophy at Cheltenham. In the meantime he has won a handicap at Fairhouse by four lengths.

There is also a fascinating race for budding young chasers at Stratford, where Clyde Court, Arctic Beau and Contradict have all stood their ground for the Colliers Bungalow and Bewlay Novices' Chase. As Stewart Shillson is so emphatic that Contradict is the best horse he has ever seen on the track, I am inclined to remain loyal to Victor Barclay's promising eight-year-old.

At Newbury, some of the interest in the Clerical Medical Greenham Stakes evaporated yesterday when it became known that Kris's younger half-brother, Presidium, would not be able to take on Baim, Bassenthwaite and Effio because he had knocked a hock earlier in the morning.

In his absence Lester Pigott has an even better chance of winning the race on Baim, whose price for the 2,000 Guineas is now as low as 8-1 even though he has had only one race in his life. The 2-year-old, Cuman's colt brushed Al Zawbaah aside at Newmarket last autumn and Al Zawbaah is my selection to win the Timorform racecard stakes at Epsom in December to win the Welsh National.

While Cuman remains adamant that Baim will be the better for today's race, the way that he has been going at home with the likes of Capricorn Belle and Comanche Run has been encouraging. What is clear is that Baim will have to be all he is cracked up to be to win because his opposition still includes Bassenthwaite and Effio, the winners of the Middle Park Stakes.

Finally, today's nap selection is Cause Mill to win the Holston Day Pils Maiden Stakes at Thirsk. Like yesterday's Newbury winner Skamanga, this is another of Henry Cecil's promising three-year-olds who while they are in the simple reason that he has never run, but his recent homework has also been brilliant of promise.

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and the Morris Hill Stakes last season.

As Bassenthwaite sports a fast pedigree, there must be a doubt about him being quite as good over seven furlongs as he was over six last year. Nevertheless, the way that his galloping companion Damister ran in the Craven Stakes on Tuesday was heartening and I know that Bassenthwaite will give himself every chance of getting further by relaxing and settling in the Cash Assurance Stakes.

Lidham's victory in the Salisbury 2,000 Trial a week ago pleased John Dunlop, but the successful Arundel trainer is insistent that that colt and Effio are to be different, and that Effio is a sturdy little horse, who may well need the race to clear away the cobwebs.

Tantasia, stable companion of Baim, is expected to run well in the Compton Maiden Stakes, for which Engling Leap High and Mistle System are also fancied. Mistle System is also a big up from Newmarket to win the Bucklebury Maiden Stakes.

Joyle Dancer, who was my selection to win this year's Lincoln Handicap, can compensate us by winning the Mellowes Medals Spring Cup for the second season. Gay Lamer, another winner on this day 12 months ago, also looks to have a good chance of winning the John Porter Stakes again. Sadly this will be Baim's last race in this career before he resumes his racing career in the United States.

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Walter Swinnburn won yesterday's Gallopers Stakes and Fred Darling Stakes with a brilliant piece of riding yesterday afternoon. Driving Top Socialite up to the odds-on favourite, Al Bahathri, entering the classic distance of 10 furlongs, Swinnburn was the man of the hour.

Even that widespread criticism of the jockey's judgement, which Swinnburn was going so easily, he said afterwards, "I knew the only chance I had of beating her was to bustle them up a bit."

The tactic succeeded to perfection. Tony Murray persuaded Al Bahathri to snatch a narrow advantage, but in the last 50 yards the favourite tired and was a head behind at the line. Most stayed on strongly in the closing stages to finish a length a half away in third place, with Ever Green fourth.

Murray had been placed in the classic distance of 10 furlongs, riding a free running horse, having his first race of the season in dead heat. With hindsight I should have gone on earlier, when she was going so strongly. But I had been told not to give the filly too hard a race. And taking everything into consideration, it was still a bit difficult to see the race.

The bookmakers clearly shared the jockey's opinion as Al Bahathri is generally on offer at 12 to 1 for the 1,000 Guineas. However, Tom Blundell, the trainer, was not so despondent. "She needed the race badly and got tired at the finish," he said.

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Top Socialite (nearer camera) heads Al Bahathri on the line (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Henry Cecil's triumphant march continued, when Steve Causton rode a well-judged race to land the odds of 11-8 laid on Skamanga in the Spring Maiden Stakes.

Lester Pigott finally got off the mark for the season in this country when producing Great Northern with a storming late run to catch Empty Chest in the final stages of an exciting race for the Mallow Sunday Handicap. "I didn't fancy him a single bit," John Dunlop, the winning trainer said, "I only ran him to get the lead a mile."

Paul Cole and Richard Quinn had a first and last race double when Nomination gave the Lambourn trainer his third two-year-old winner from only four runners of that age in the EBF Bockhampton Stakes and when Aldo King proved too strong for that gallant old

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